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# INTRODUCTORY.

At the date of the publication of the first series of Pennsylvania Archives in 1853, as appears by the remarks of the late Samuel Hazard, the editor, on page 253, Vol. V, "the minutes of the State Boards of War and Navy could not be found." In the summer of 1873, while making some necessary repairs to the offices of the State Department, the books and papers of the old Comptroller-General's office, which had remained undisturbed since their removal to Harrisburg in 1812, were examined, and the minutes in question brought to light.

The publication of a second series of the Pennsylvania Archives was thereupon suggested by His Excellency John F. Hartranft, Governor of the State, in his annual message to the General Assembly, January 7, 1874, of which the following is an extract:

"The late Governor William F. Johnston, in his annual message in January, 1851, advised the selection and arrangement for publication of the large body of original papers in the State Department connected with our Colonial and Revolutionary history.

"In accordance with his advice an act was passed, and during subsequent administrations supplementary acts were passed, which resulted eventually in the publication of the invaluable repository of Pennsylvania history, known as the "Colonial Records" and "Pennsylvania Archives." The minutes of the Board of War and Navy Board could not at the date of that publication be found, and have only been recovered since the commencement of my official term. They cover an important period of our Revolutionary history, and are accompanied by vouchers and correspondence, including muster-rolls of soldiers and names of officers, marines and vessels of the Pennsylvania Colonial navy.

"As these minutes and accompanying documents are valuable in an historical point of view, and the Colonial Records and Archives incomplete without them, I respectfully call the attention of the Assembly to the propriety of publishing and preserving them."

In pursuance of this recommendation the Legislature passed—

AN ACT for the publication of the minutes of the Board of War and Navy Board of the State of Pennsylvania, and other original papers in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, heretofore unpublished.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be and he is hereby authorized and required to publish the recently recovered minutes of the Board of War and Navy Board of the State of Pennsylvania, together with such other papers belonging to the same as are of historical value and have not been already published, including those of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, relating to what is known as the "whisky insurrection," and the years from one thousand eight hundred and twelve to one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, both inclusive, relative to the last war with Great Britain, in a manner uniform with and in volumes of not less than eight hundred pages, not inferior to the volumes of Pennsylvania Archives heretofore published, to the number of fifteen hundred copies of each volume.

Section 2. That two hundred copies thereof, when printed and bound, shall be placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be by him distributed among learned societies and public libraries in other states, at his discretion; that three copies shall be presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; one copy to each of the county historical societies of this State, or where there is no such historical society, then to the law library of such county, if there be one; one copy to the Philadelphia library; one copy to the Franklin Institute; one copy to each of the public libraries and colleges of this State; one copy each to be placed at the disposal of the members and clerks of the present Legislature; one copy shall be placed in each of the offices of the heads of departments of this State; three copies in the State Library, and the balance shall be disposed of by subscription opened at the offices of the several county treasurers, to be filled in the order of their presentation at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, at the price of one dollar per volume, the proceeds of which shall be paid into the State Treasury and applied towards the payment of the expenses incurred in editing and publishing the same.

Approved—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1874.

J. F. HARTRANFT.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# BOARD OF WAR,

FROM

MARCH 14, 1777, TO AUGUST 7, 1777.

## WARRANT CREATING THE BOARD OF WAR.

The Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

To David Rittenhouse, Owen Biddle, William Moore, Joseph Dean, Samuel Morris, Senr., Samuel Cadwalader Morris, John Bayard, George Gray, and John Bull, Esquires, send Greeting:

Whereas, The civil department of this Commonwealth requires great attention, and will for some time fully employ this Council to discharge the duties thereof. And as it is also of great Importance that a due attention be still paid to the War which we are engaged in, And Confiding in your Abilities and integrity, We do appoint you a Board of War for the Land service of this State, hereby giving to you or any three of you, full power and authority to do and perform all matters and things necessary in said Department, subject nevertheless to the directions and examination of this Council from time to time as We may judge expedient, and saving to ourselves always the power of appointing officers agreeable to the Frame of Government of this Commonwealth; This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future Supreme Executive Council.

Dated at Philadelphia this Thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy-seven.

(Signed) THO. WHARTON, JUNR.,
Prest.

Attest:
TY. MATLACK, Sec'y.

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF WAR.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, the celebrated mechanician and astronomer, was born near Germantown, on the 8th day of April, 1732. His father, Mathias Rittenhouse, emigrated from Holland and settled on the Wissahickon. Until his fifteenth year he was engaged in the duties of the farm. His mechanical genius, which manifested itself at an early period, completely unfitted him for a farmer. In his eighteenth year he built himself a workshop by the side of a public road, and set up the business of a clock and mathematical instrument maker. At twenty-three, he planned and made an "Orrery" by which he represented the revolution of the heavenly bodies more completely than had ever been done before. This master-piece of mechanism was purchased by the college of Princeton, New Jersey. He made another for the college of Philadelphia. June 3, 1769, in conjunction with Rev. Dr. William Smith, Provost of the University, John Lukens, Surveyor General of Pennsylvania, and John Teller, a member of the Assembly from Chester county, he observed the transit of Venus, and on the 9th of November he observed the transit of Mercury. His reports of these events gave him a great reputation. During the same year he was employed in settling the boundaries between New York and New Jersey, afterwards between Pennsylvania and Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York, and the latter State and Massachusetts. He held the office of treasurer of Pennsylvania from 1777 to 1789, and in 1792 was appointed director of the mint of the United States, in which he continued until 1795, when he resigned on account of ill-health. He was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, at Boston, in 1782, and of the Royal Society of London, in 1795. In 1791 he succeeded Dr. Franklin as president of the American Philosophical Society, which office he held till his death. He died in the city of Philadelphia on the 26th day of June, 1796, in his sixty-fifth year, greatly lamented in both hemispheres. His remains lie in the grave yard attached to the Presbyterian church, Pine street, Philadelphia.

OWEN BIDDLE was born in Philadelphia, A. D. 1737, and

died in the same city, March 10, 1799, aged 61 years. He was a great grandson of William Biddle, one of the proprietors of West Jersey, and for many years of the Governor's Council of that Colony. He was a brother of Col. Clement Biddle, Quartermaster General for Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, and afterward Commissary General under General Greene. He was engaged in commercial pursuits, and with his brother Clement signed the celebrated non-importation resolutions of October 25, 1765. His name also appears in a list of some eighty Philadelphia merchants, headed by Robert Morris, who became personally bound for various sums amounting in the aggregate to over £260,000 sterling for purchasing provisions for the army, at a time when there was great difficulty in procuring supplies. During the Revolution he served as a member of the Convention of 1776, of the Committee of Safety, and was acting Commissary General of Forage. His residence during this period was on the site now occupied by the Girard college grounds, and when the British took possession of Philadelphia they destroyed his house, probably because of his connection with the Continental army. From an early period of the existence of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, he was an active member, and was one of the Curators of the society from 1769 to 1772, and Secretary from 1773 to 1782, when he became one of the Councillors, continuing a member until his death. He was one of the committee of thirteen appointed by the society to observe the transit of Venus on 3d of June, 1769. These observations were made with eminent success by three members of the committee, Mr. Rittenhouse being stationed at Norristown, Dr. Ewing at Philadelphia, and Mr. Biddle at Cape Henlopen. Mr. Biddle's descendants have always taken a prominent part in the benevolent and business enterprises of Philadelphia.

WILLIAM MOORE, who subsequently became President of Pennsylvania was a native of Philadelphia, and a warm and ardent patriot of the Revolution. Transferred from the Committee of Safety, by the Executive Council, to the Board of War, he was active and energetic in the cause. The period during which Mr. Moore was at the head of the State government was one of great financial distress, owing to the enormous depreciation of bills of credit. The authorities were in arrears in paying the troops, who were not only despondent, but on the eve of mutiny. At this juncture, Robert Morris of Pennsylvania was called to the head of the finance department, and through his exertions, coupled with the aid of the

President and the Executive Council of the State, the credit of the government revived. Mr. Moore served three years as President, and under the Constitution of 1776 he was ineligible as a candidate for re-election. In 1784 he was elected a member of the Assembly, and until his death, which occurred in 1793, he took an active part in public affairs. Mr. Moore married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Lloyd, and was brother-in-law of President Wharton, who married Susanna Lloyd. They left three children, Col. Thomas Lloyd Moore, an officer of the Revolution, Elizabeth married to the Marquis de Marbois, French charge d' affairs, who negotiated the treaty for the cession of Louisiana, and Robert Kearney Moore.

JOSEPH DEAN was the son of Rev. William Dean, a Presbyterian clergyman, and was born at Ballymenagh, county of Antrim, Ireland, August 10, 1738. His father was licensed by the New Brunswick presbytery, October 12, 1742, and was sent to Neshaminy and the forks of the Delaware. In 1745 he went into Virginia, but the year following he was ordained pastor of the congregation at the forks of Brandywine. He died July 9, 1748, at the early age of twenty-nine, and his remains lie in the grave yard at Brandywine Manor. He was an active, zealous and faithful minister. He had four sons, Joseph, Benjamin, John and William, and one daughter, who married a Mr. Fleming residing on the Susquehanna. Joseph Dean became a large importing merchant in Philadelphia, previous to the Revolution. He was the signer of the celebrated non-importation resolutions. At the outset of the war he loaned the general government some sixty thousand dollars, which he lost. In December, 1776, he was appointed by the Assembly on the Committee of Safety, and on the organization of the Board of War, a member of that body. In January, 1781, the Supreme Executive Council appointed him one of the auditors "to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this State in the service of the United States," and in October following a warden of the port of Philadelphia. In 1790 he was chosen auctioneer of that city. Joseph Dean purchased large quantities of real estate at the close of the Revolution, the property of attainted persons. He died September 9, 1793. Mr. Dean was twice married, first to Frances McCracken, who died March 1, 1776, second to Hannah Boyd, who departed this life June 28, 1823. Their remains lie interred in the Moravian burying ground, at the corner of Franklin and Vine streets. A portrait of Joseph Dean, by Peale, is in the possession of William F. Dean, Esq., Philadelphia. John Dean, a brother was a major in the

army of the Revolution; and William, another brother, a colonel in the same service, who did valiant duty at Princeton, Trenton and Germantown.

SAMUEL MORRIS, Sr., was the son of Anthony and Phoebe Morris, born in Philadelphia, in the year 1711. His father was an influential member of the Society of Friends, was mayor of the city and member of the Provincial Assembly, dying in the year 1762. Like the father, the son took an active part in the affairs of the Province. In January, 1756, he was commissioned by Gov. Robert Hunter Morris auditor to settle the accounts of the ill-fated Braddock expedition. Although well advanced in years at the outset of the Revoluiton, he was a zealous advocate for independence. He was a member of the Committee of Safety and of the Board of War. He was register of Philadelphia in 1780, the last official position he perchance held. He was a public-spirited citizen, and his long life was devoted to his native city and State.

SAMUEL CADWALLADER MORRIS, son of Samuel Morris, Sr., born in Philadelphia, was a merchant of that city. He took a prominent part in organizing the military service of the State, and was an officer during the Revolution. In the isssuing of bills of credit by the State in 1775, he was among the number of those who were directed to sign them by the Assembly. He served as a member of the Council of Safety in 1776, and of the Board of War at its organization. He assisted in fitting out the State navy, and was appointed to have the care of the prisoners of war within the State by direction of Congress. He served at Trenton and Princeton, in command of a company of militia or associators. In a letter of December 24, 1776, he expresses himself in this emphatic language to the Council of Safety: "Be not afraid, ye Tories shall not Triumph over us yet. We will yet have our day & make them Tremble. Do let me know what ye Council is doing. The militia was promised a pair of Shoes & Stockings for each man that turned out, why are they not giving them? It would be worth more than 3 times as much money; they ought to have it, for upon their turning out has hitherto depended the Salvation of Philada. This is not a Random opinion, for as sure as there is a God in Heaven, the British Army wou'd have been in pos'sion of our city had it not been for the city militia." In the same letter he deprecates the precipitate removal of Congress from Philadelphia, as "it has struck a damp on ye Spirits of many." On the return of his company from the Jerseys, Mr. Morris again assumed his civil duties, and to the close of the

struggle for independence, he was ever ready to assist the cause by his purse or his sword, notwithstanding he belonged to the Society of Friends, although disowned by them. To distinguish him from his first cousin, Captain Samuel Morris, who was called Christian Sam, he was known as gentleman Sam. He died the first part of the present century.

JOHN BAYARD was born in Cecil county, Maryland, August 11, 1738. At the breaking out of the Revolution he was a prominent merchant of Philadelphia. Being a warm patriot, he was selected a member of the Committee of Safety and subsequently of the Board of War. As Major of the Second Philadelphia Battalion, which he commanded at the battle of Trenton, he won honor and promotion. He was for several years Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly, and with Reed and Rittenhouse a commissioner on the funded loan; also, member of Congress, 1785-6. He subsequently removed to New Jersey, locating at New Brunswick, of which city he was mayor and judge of the court of common pleas. He died there January 7, 1807. He was the father of Andrew Bayard, of Philadelphia, and the uncle of James Ashton Bayard, of Delaware.

GEORGE GRAY, of Gray's Ferry, Philadelphia, was the fifth of that name in the line of descent from George Gray, of Barbadoes, a wealthy member of the Society of Friends. He took an early and active part in the affairs of the Province, and was elected a member of the Assembly in 1772. He was the author of the celebrated "Treason Resolutions," reported by the committee of which he was chairman. For the part he took in this affair he was turned out of meeting. His wife, who was the daughter of a noted English Methodist, Wm. Ibbetson, British Consul at Lisbon in 1766, went with him. He served on the Committee of Safety until his appointment by the Supreme Executive Council, as a member of the Board of War. During the entire period of the Revolution he was conspicuous by his patriotism. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1790, and afterwards Speaker of the House of Representatives. He died in 1800.

JOHN BULL was a native of Providence township, Montgomery county, and in June, 1758, was captain in command at Fort Allen, (now Weissport, Carbon county) and subsequently in the same year, accompanied Forbes' expedition to Fort Duquesne, performing important service in negotiations with the Indians. In 1771 he owned the Norris plantation and mill, and resided there on the site of the present borough of Norristown,

then called Norriston. In 1775 he was appointed Colonel of the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion, which position he resigned on the 20th of January, 1776, on account of bad treatment by his officers, and was succeeded by Col. John P. DeHaas, of Lebanon, who commanded the Battalion in Canada. Col. B. was one of the commissioners at the Indian Treaty, held at Easton, January 30, 1777; in February was in command at Billingsport, and on the 16th of July was appointed Adjutant General of the State. In October of this year his barn, barracks, grain and hay were burned by the British, and his wagons, horses, sheep and negroes carried off, although Gen. Howe had given his word to Mrs. Bull that they would not be disturbed. In December, when Gen. James Irvine was captured, Col. B. succeeded to the command of the 2nd. Brigade, P. M., under Gen. John Armstrong. In 1778 he was engaged erecting batteries at Billingsport; in 1779 he put down the Chevaux de Frize in the Delaware, and in 1780 was Commissary of Purchases at Philadelphia, and appears to have been one of the busiest and most indefatigable of workers. As early as 1785 he removed to Northumberland. In 1802 he was a candidate for the Legislature, but was defeated by Simon Snyder; in 1805 he was elected to the Assembly, and in 1808 was the Federal candidate for Congress in the Northumberland and Lycoming district, but was defeated by Col. George Smith. The date of his death cannot be ascertained, but he probably soon followed his wife, Mary Bull, who died on the 23d of February, 1811, aged eighty years. The Northumberland Argus says "she was buried in the Quaker graveyard, and Gen. Bull, though much reduced by sicknesss and old age, previous to the grave being closed, addressed the people as follows: 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord; may we who are soon to follow be as well prepared as she was.'"

# MINUTES.

At a Meeting of the Board of War held at the Lodge* in Philadelphia, March 14, 1777.

Present:

David Rittenhouse, Samuel C. Morris,
Owen Biddle, William Moore,
Samuel Morris, senr., Joseph Dean,
John Bull.

Mr. Rittenhouse was Chosen Chairman for the day.

Resolved, That Jacob S. Howell be appointed Secretary, and Moses Young Assistant Clerk to the Board.

Resolved, That John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esqr., be appointed Treasurer to this Board.

Doctr. Thomas Marshall exhibited an account for attending as an assistant Surgeon to the General Hospital from 6th Decemr. last to 13th Instant, & four pounds of Glauber Salts, amounting to £37 17 6, which John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esqr., was directed to pay and Charge to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieutenant George Wirt £9 15 0; being the Balance due him for wages while a prisoner, & for a Rifle Lost on Long Island, to be Charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esqr., in favor of Major Lewis Farmer for One Thousand Dollars for recruiting Service for the Pennsylvania State Regiment, to be charged to his account.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esqr., was directed to pay George Stake, Iron, Potts and Kettles, &c., for York County Militia, £48 7 2.

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* The Mason's Lodge—or first Masonic Hall of Philadelphia—was located on the south side of Lodge alley, above Second street, in that city. It was erected in 1754, and built of brick. During the Revolution it was occupied by the Council of Safety and the Board of War. It was from this building, that on the morning of July 8, 1776, the assemblage marched to the State House to hear the Declaration of Independence for the first time publicly read. It was also the place of confinement for those suspected of being loyalists. After the Revolution the lodge was not occupied by the Masonic fraternity.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esqr., was directed to pay Jacob Hanke £32 15 0, for 1,310 Bottoms for Round Shot, and £3 7 0 for Lint, stocks & Port Fire Stocks, to be charged to Congress —the Bottoms delivered to Joseph Stiles, for the Laboratory, the Stocks to David Pancoast.

Mr. Joseph Ferree, at Germantown, was directed to deliver to Jacob Losh Three Hundred weight of Sulphur, taking his receipt for the Same.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, March 15th, 1777.

Present:

David Rittenhouse, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
Samuel Morris, Senr., William Moore,
John Bull.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Crispin, Commissary of Provisions for the Fleet and Army of this State, for £1,000, to be charged to his Account.

Moses Young was directed to pay Casper Peter £4 11 0, for subsistence of Captain Conrad Roder's company of the 2nd Batt'n of Northampton county, 91 men, @ 1s, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay the Managers of the House of Employment £132 3 9, for 117½ yds. cloth, @ 22s. 6d.

Moses Young was directed to pay Lieut. Col. Peebles £5, for mileage, from Shippensburg to Morris Town, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Adam Sheffer £33 5 0, for arms delivered to Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores.

Resolved, That Alexander Ramsay be appointed a Captain of a Company in the Continental Service, provided he raises forty effective men within Thirty days from this date, to serve during the war.

Resolved, That Joshua Williams be appointed a Captain of a Company in the Continental service, provided he raises forty effective men in thirty days from this date, to serve during the war.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Godfrey Cream £2 14, for Halling Cannon Carriages, &c., to be charged to Congress.

At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., March 17th, 1777.

Present:

William Moore, Chairman, David Rittenhouse,
Joseph Dean, Samuel Morris, Senr.,
Samuel C. Morris.

In consequence of a requisition from the Continental Navy Board for ten Guns, belonging to the Prize Sloop Race Horse, borrowed some time ago, Capt. Joseph Stiles was directed to deliver seven of said guns now under his care to the order of the Navy Board. The other three was delivered some time since.

Resolved, That Captain Rudolph Bonner, of the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, have rank as Major in the Continental Army, and in Seniority next after the Ninth Major of the Pennsylvania Regiments.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Stone £12 15 for 8½ yds. 7-4 cloth @ 30s.

Moses Young was directed to pay James Justice £9 15 for 13 pair of shoes @ 15s.

Resolved, That Ludwic Sprogel, Esqr., Muster Master General of This State, be allowed 75 dollars per month and six Rations for his services from the first of January, 1777.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., March 18th, 1777.

Present:

William Moore, Chairman, Samuel Morris, Senr..
Joseph Dean, David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colo. John Piper £178 16 1 for Arms and Blankets purchased by him for the use of the 1st Batt'n of Bedford County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Thomas West £24 16 for 31 pair of shoes @ 16s.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lt. Col. George Ashman £35 2 0 for Arms delivered to Mr. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Simon Murray £25 15 4, for Strops and Tubes delivered Major Loxley.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Martin Risor £20 12 4 for Tubes delivered Major Loxley.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Martin Risor £79 10 9 for

Tubes and Strops delivered Major Loxley and Mr. Stiles until the 17th Inst.

Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Willm. Gray £112 7 3 for subsistence of his Comp'y on their March from Northumberland County, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Col. Jas. Murray £10 for a Rifle and Blanket appraised for the use of the 2nd Batt'n of Northumberland County Militia, to be charged to Col. James Potter.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Elmslie £18 10 for turning Molds, delivered Robt. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Gill £2 10 for Expenses attending Carpenters at work at Cooper's Bridge.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Tim. Green £31 6 for Blankets appraised for the use of Capt. Stover's Company, of the 2nd Batt'n of Lancaster County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Copenhever £44 5 for Blankets appraised for the use of the 2nd Batt'n of Lancaster County Militia, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Pearson £15 15, for work done by different Persons at the State House, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctor James Dunlap £27 6 6, for sundries for the use of the Sick.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Daniel Carpenter, of Colonel Jno. Piper's Battalion of Bedford County Militia, £12 10 0, for 10 pair of Shoes & Stocking for part of his Company, being for Bounty granted by Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Isaac Melchor, for Three Thousand Pounds, to be Charged to his account.

Moses Young was directed to pay Lieut. Thomas Askins £16 13 4, for subsisence down from Cumberland, & an allowance of pay to go home, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, March 19th, 1777.

Present:

William Moore, Chairman, Samuel Morris, Senr., Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Balthaser for his Pay and Rations, from the 12th July to 23rd December, 1776, to be charged to Congress.

N. B. Balthaser went over to Staten Island as a Spy, and taken Prisoner by the Enemy.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel James Potter £157 16 6, for Arms & Blankets left at Head Quarters, Morris Town.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Benezet, for 1000 Dollars for the recruiting Service of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charged to Col. Bicker.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Abraham Latcha £116 7 6, for arms & accoutrements delivered Jno. Comegys, Clerk to C. G. M. S., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Alexr. Barr £575 14 9, being the amo't of his Pay Roll for his Comp'y, to be charged to this State.

Moses Young was directed to pay Peter McKinley £51 12 4. for the Ball'r of his acco't for Taylor's work.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, March 20th, 1777.

Present:

Samuel Morris, Senr., Chair'n, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse, Sam'l C. Morris.

An order was sent down from Congress signed by Mr. Hancock on John Gibson, Esqr., Auditor General, in favour of this Board or their order for One Hundred Thousand Dollars, the State of Pennsylvania to be accountable, which was endorsed by Mr. Rittenhouse to John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Adam Sud £41 5 for 11 pair of wheels @ 75s, deliver'd to Mr. Geo. Ingles, Superintendent of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Hemmings and Dilworth £348 5 for Ball'r of his acco't of Iron Work done Gun Carriages.

An Order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Moses Young for 1000 Dollars, to be charged to his Account.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., March 21st, 1777.

Present:

Samuel Morris, Senr., Joseph Dean,
John Bull.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. James Dundass for Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his Account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Jo-

seph Copperthwaite for five Hundred pounds, for the use of the Continental Powder Mill at French Creek, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. John Mitchel for one thousand pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Colonel Lambert Cadwalader for 2,000 Dollars for recruiting Service of the 4th Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Henry Bicker for 1,500 Dollars, for recruiting service for the 6th Pen'a Regiment, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Honeycomb £47 5 0 for Cartage of Artillery and Laboratory Stores, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Stiles £76 14 9 for Workmen's Wages, &c., in the Laboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Thomas Watson £12 5 7 for 32¾ yds. Linsey, @ 7s 6d.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., March 22nd, 1777.

Present:

Sam'l Morris, Senr, Chair'n, John Bull,
Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. John Pugh for four Hundred Dollars for recruiting Service, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of John Hanglin for one Hundred and fifty Dollars for the use of the Indians who are removing from Maryland to Philad'a, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Frazer £1 2 6, for subsistence from Cumberland County, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Captain Paul Cox fifty weight of Grape Shot, he paying for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Geo. Henry £1,784 4 0, for victualing Col. Lochry's Battalion of Militia, of Westmoreland County, on their march to Head Quarters, to be charged to Congress. Also, £475 5 0, for 253 pr. of Shoes and 275 pair of Stockings, for the said Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay George Glen £7 10 0, for a Gun Lost in actual Service, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Mitchell £40, for amo't of Blankets appraised for the use of his Company of the First Batt'n of Westmoreland Militia; £2 5 of which to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Captain Pomeroy £40 15 6, for Blankets appraised for the use of his Company, of Col. Lochry's Westmoreland Battn, £ of wh. to be charged to Congress for 4 Blkts. lost in actual Service, the remainder being delivered into the State Store and taken at the appraisement.

Moses Young was directed to pay the following Persons of Col. Lochry's Batt'n, of Westmoreland Militia, for Blankets apprais'd for their respective Companies, £ of wh. to be charged to Congress for Blks lost in actual Service:

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| Captain John Shields, ..... | £9 7 6 |
| Capt. Alexr. Thomson, ..... | 19 0 0 |
| Capt. John Perry, ..... | 5 1 0 |
| Capt. Robt. Knox, ..... | 13 2 6 |
| Capt. Saml. Shannon, ..... | 23 3 0 |

Moses Young was directed to pay James Moore £1 for 5 days service in taking no'r of associators in Donegal Township, Westmoreland County, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Heyl £77 5 for 206 yds. Flannel @ 7s 6d, deliver'd Capt. Stiles, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, March 24th, 1777.

Present:

Samuel Morris, Senr, Joseph Dean.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

March 25th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Dean.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

March 26th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Dean.

At a Meeting of the Board of War,

March 27th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
Saml. Morris, Senr.

Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Beard, of Westmoreland County, 2 Battalion, £81 8 0, for subsistence of 47 men, to be charged to Congress.

Col. Ric'd Dallam was requested to pay Capt. Joseph Hueston & Lieut. Thos. Mason, of Westmoreland Militia, £35 17 8, for their wages as officers while on their March from Home & Back; they having received pay at Privates while at camp.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for one Thousand Pounds, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. William Crispin, for one Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Abraham Mason £25 2 6, for workmen's wages in the Laboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following accounts, viz:

Wheeler & Wilie, £19 0 6, Smiths Work for the Brass Cannon Foundery, &ca., and £405 2 5, for Smith Work for Cannon Carriages.

Benjamin Davis, £40 17 6 for 9 Drums, &ca., delivered to Major Farmer.

William Shaw, £7 12 9 for Cooper's Work done for Continental Service, by direction of Mr. Towers, Com'y of Stores, to be charged to Congress.

Godfrey Gabler, £55 3 7 for Iron Work for Amunition carts & Gun Carriages.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay George Hendry £454 6 0 for 1 Gill of spirit per man per day, for 308 men of Colonel Lochry's Battalion of Westmoreland Militia, for 59 days at 6d. per Gill; to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Young was directed to pay Samuel Young £31 10 0, for 20 pair of Shoes.

John Maxwell Nesbitt was directed to pay the Widow of Thomas Rogers, a private of Col. Miles' Regiment, the pay due to him 'til the 15 December last, at which time he died at New York, and half pay from that time during her Widow Hood.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Eiger £12 15 0, for Blankets lost in actual Service; to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Major Lewis

Nicola for £600, for the use of the City Guards on Continental Service; to be charged to his account.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Jane How £6 19 9, for the use of Voluntiers in Captain Barry's Company, when going to Camp in December last; to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Lieut. Colonel David Greer, Twelve Thousand Dollars, for recruiting service for the Seventh Penna. Regiment, he to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for 2,000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Thomas Nevill, for £500, to be charged to his account.

Resolved, That in Consideration of the extraordinary expenses attending the recruiting service, the officers in the Land Service of this State, and those who belong to the twelve Regiments in the Continental service to be raised in this State, be allowed four Dollars for every able Bodied man they enlist after this date, who shall pass muster, in addition to any former allowance made by Congress or this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctr. James Dunlap £41 19 7, for Expenses of Boarding and nursing of Sick Soldiers & Sailors 'till removed to the Hospital in Providence Island, &ca., &ca.

Resolved, That the officers of the Pennsylvania State Regiment do make enquiry in what manner Lieutenant Wert left New York, and whether he was discharged from his Parole as a Prisoner, or otherwse, that the Board may Judge of the propriety of giving him his proper Rank in the Regiment, of which they are to make report to this Board as soon as Possible.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Jacob Laverswyler, Paymaster of the Pena State Reg't, for £3,000, to pay the Regt. their wages for January & February, he to be accountable to Mr. Nesbitt, with whom he is to settle as soon as Convenient.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Thomas Proctor, for 2,500 Dollars for Recruiting service for the Pena. Regt. of Atillery, to be charged to the Colonel.

An account was exhibited from General Jno. Cadwalader, for pay of the third Battalion of Militia of this City, the Balance in favour of the State amounting to £414 12 6, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to receive; the remaining sum to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Grub £70 0 0, for the

services of 3 Boats and 7 men attending the Ferry from Fort Island to Province Island.

Moses Young was directed to pay Jacob Schraack £21 15, for 29 Pair of Shoes @ 15s.

Moses Young was directed to pay Michael Boyer £8 15, for his wages as an Express,—£1 15 of wh. to be charged to Congress, for carrying a Letter fm. Gen'l Washington to Col. Johnson at Chester.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,
March 28th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Samuel Morris, Senr,
Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Alex'r Ramsay for 300 Dollars for recruiting Service, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Henry Becker for 1500 Dollars for recruiting Service for the Sixth Pena. Regim't, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Moses Young in favour of James Claypoole for £15 0 0, to be charged to his account.

Moses Young was directed to pay Mathias Bush £45 7 6, on acco't of dying for the State Regiment.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,
Philada., March 29th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Samuel Morris, Senr,
Joseph Dean, John Bull.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of George Ingels, Superintendent of Gun Carriages, for five Hundred Dollars to be charged to his acco't.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay an order drawn by Thomas Savadge in favour of Lawrence Saltar and Co., for £350, to be charged to Mr. Savadge.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Vandedrift £2 11 0 for Nursing a sick Soldier of the Flying Camp, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Colonel John Bull for £1000, for the purpose of purchasing Axes, Spades, Shovels, &ca., to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Michael Duff, £137 1 6, for sundry Expences of the late Council of Safety.

At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., March 31st, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Sam'l Morris, Senr.,
Joseph Dean, John Bull.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Lewis Nicola, for £200, to be charged to his acco't.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., April 1st, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, David Rittenhouse,
Saml. Morris, Senr., Joseph Dean,
John Bull.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel John Patton, for £150, on account of Shott cast for this State, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Patrick M'Dowell, £42 10 0, for 1700 Bottoms for Round Shott, delivered into the Laboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Roberts £75 4 0, for Amunition Boxes, delivered to Mr. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

April 2nd, 1777.

Present:

Samuel Morris, Senr., Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean.

Philip Boehm, Jacob Utra, having been appointed to supply the families of poor Associators in Capt. Wills' Comp'y, with necessaries while s'd Company remain'd at Camp, this day exhibited their acco'ts, whereby it appears that they expended £49 15 after w'h a Ball'r remain'd in their hands of £50 5; w'h they were directed to pay into the hands of the Treasurer, Mr. Nesbitt, the sum of £49 15, to be charged to this State, agreeable to the Resolve of the late House of Assembly.

Mr. Boehm exhibited his acco't of £24 7 6, expended in providing for the families of Capt. Hassenclevers' Company, when

a Ball'e of £10 12 6 remaining in his hands, it was directed to be pd. into the hands of John M. Nesbitt, Esq., Treasurer, £24 7 6, to be charged to this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benj. Harbeson £750 for 600 Gun Locks delivered Moses Young.

Moses Young was directed to pay Nicholas Forsberg £5, for Traveling Expenses thro' Philadelphia and Chester Counties, with an Address, &c., to the People recommending the calling a Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Saml. Rhoads £5 8 6, for Ironmongery for Fort Island.

Moses Young was directed to pay James Yarnall £1 10, for 2 Pair of Shoes, @ 15s.

Moses Young was directed to pay Captain Thomas Strawbridge £16 14, for Blankets lost in actual service at Trenton, Jan'ry 2nd last; to be charg'd to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Edward Ryves be appointed Deputy Muster Master General of the Fleet and Army of this State.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

April 3, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Joseph Dean.

A Circular letter was wrote to the following Persons, requesting that each would procure, with all possible dispatch, at least one hundred waggons, to be sent to Robert Irwin, the Waggon Master General, for the purpose of removing the public Stores from this City to the west side of Schuylkill, viz:

Mr. Mathew Brooks, near Col. Bulls in Philada. County.

Major Evans, near the Yellow Springs in Chester County.

Col. Wm. Dewees, at the Valley Forge in Chester County.

Mr. Isaac Webb, at Mill Town, Chester Co.

Col. Caleb Davis, in Chester County.

Mr. Robert Lettis Hooper, near Easton.

Col. Wm. Dean, at Horsham in Phila. County.

Capt. M'Calla, four miles above Bogart's tavern in Bucks county.

Wm. Clinging, (Clingan,) near the sign of the Waggon on the Lancaster Road.

Two Letters were likewise wrote to the Committee of Lancaster County, and General Mifflin at Reading, to procure 400 Waggons to be sent to town, or the before mentioned purpose.

At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., April 4th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Samuel Morris, Senr.,
Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Allison & Worrell, for Two Hundred Pounds, to be charged to their Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Thomas Dungan £5 8 0, for six Blankets lost in actual service at Princetown, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of George Ingles, for the purpose of Purchasing Timber for Gun Carriages, &ca., to be charged to his account.

Moses Young was directed to pay Ephraim Blain £12 19 6, for provisions for Colonel Woods' Battalion, Bedford County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., April 5th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Samuel Morris, Senr.,
Joseph Dean.

The following minute of Council was directed to be inserted in the Minutes of the Board:

"In Council,

Philada., April 5th, 1777.

On motion, agreed

That Richard Bache, Esquire,* be added to the Board of War.

Extract from the Minutes of Council.

TY. MATLACK, Secy."

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* RICHARD BACHE was born at Settle, Yorkshire, England, September 12, 1737. He came to America in early life and entered at once into mercantile pursuits. He married in 1767, Sarah, the only daughter of Dr. Franklin. At the commencement of the Revolution he was chairman of the republican society of Philadelphia, and was in 1777 a member of the State Board of War. In February, 1778, he was appointed superintendent [inspector] of flour and meat for the Continental army. He was subsequently directed by Congress to sign the Bills of Credit. From November 1776 to 1782 he held the office of Postmaster General of the United States. He was a warm patriot, while his wife, a woman of rare good

Mr. Bache appeared and took his seat at the Board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rebecca Tengill £5 17 0, for 6½ weeks nursing & lodging of James Murray, of Col. Proctor's Artillery, when in the small pox.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Cannon, Esqr., £41 12 0, for 104 days attendance at the late Council of Safety.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Mr. James Old, for £1,400, on acco't of Cannon & Ball cast by him, to be charged to his account.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

April 7th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Richard Bache,
Joseph Dean, Saml. Morris, Senr.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay John Granger £3 10 1. or horse Hire to go to head Quarters.

Mr. Young was directed to pay Wm. Rush £2 16 0, for Horse hire in January last, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Pomroy £10 for Strops for Shott, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Young was ordered to pay Peter Mathers £0 15, for victual'g 15 men of the militia, to be charged to Congress.

The following Minute of Council was directed to be inserted on the Minutes of this Board:

"In Council,

Philada., April 7th, 1777.

On motion, agreed

That Colonel John Shee* be added to the Board of War.

Extract from the Minutes of Council.

TY. MATLACK, Secretary."

Colonel Shee appeared and took his seat at the Board.

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sense and domestic virtues, was celebrated for her generous services during the darkest days of the Revolution by her untiring devotion to add to the comfort of the barefooted soldiery of her country. She died October 5, 1808. Mr. Bache survived her but a few years, dying July 29, 1811, at his country seat, Settle, Bucks county, Penn'a.

*JOHN SHEE, Colonel of the Third Pennsylvania regiment in the service of the United States, was a native of Lancaster county. Unanimously recommended to Congress as commander of the Third battalion, that body elected him to the position on the 3d day of January, 1776, although for six or eight months previous he had held no commission. Colonel Shee had the utmost confidence of General Washington, who in a letter to Congress of June 10,

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Simon Murray £26 1 8, for Tin Strops and Tubes delivered into the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Haas £70, for 28 Pair Buckskin Breeches, @ 50s.

Moses Young was directed to pay Sarah Ewen £17 10, for 7 Blankets, @ 50s.

Moses Young was directed to pay Major Lewis Farmer for Horse hire, and Expenses of himself & Capt. Henderson, while in Quest of Luke Keating £5 9 1, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Colonel John Proctor £12 0 0, for Expence of an Express sent by the Committee of the County of Westmoreland, to the late Convention, for Arms and Amunition.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Lewis Nicola, for £1,600, for the use of the City Guards, to be charged to his account.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., April 8th, 1777.

Present:

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| Owen Biddle, Chairman, | Saml. Morris, Senr., |
| John Shee, | Joseph Dean, |
| Richard Bache, | John Bull. |

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major William Masters, for £62 10 0, for wood supplied the Families of the Galleymen during the winter.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Masters nine Hundred & Twenty-one pounds for wood supplied the Hospitals for Sick Soldiers, from Decem'r to March, to be charged to Congress.

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1776, asks that the continental battalions of Colonels Shee and Magaw remain at Philadelphia for the protection of that city, then threatened by General Howe. That body thought differently, however, and both regiments named were ordered to New York the day following. On the eve of the battle of King's Bridge and the consequent evacuation of Long Island by the American forces, Col. Shee obtained leave of absence, from which he never returned. His conduct was inexplicable, for he was brave and zealous in the cause of independence, and enjoyed the high esteem of his superior officers. At the time it was severely commented upon. In April, 1777, he was appointed on the State Board of War, and served until the close of its labors. He subsequently assisted in auditing the accounts of the Revolution, but his conduct during the war seems to have evershadowed his life, and he passed into oblivion. He died at his residence in Lancaster county, but when, we have not ascertained.

Agreed, That Patrick McFall be appointed Lieutenant and Samuel Evans, Ensign, to Captain John Pughs Company, now raising to guard the Continental works at French Creek.

Agreed, That Mr. Hugh Dehaven be appointed assistant to Mr. Peter Dehaven Superintendent of the Lock Factory and Public Stores at French Creek.

Ordered, That the Guards Stationed at Easton under the command of Major Labar be allowed Ten Shillings per week Subsistence in lieu of Rations.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Francis Gurney £36 16 0, for 92 days attendance in the late Council of Safety.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Peter Dehaven & Co., for Five Hundred Pounds on account of the Gun Lock Factory, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lt. Colonel Gurney £5 15 6, being the Balance of his account for sundries delivered into the Store under the care of Capt. Bickham, and sundry Expences in persuit of Joseph Thomas & others.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Peter Dehaven, for 400 Dollars to be charged to Capt. John Pugh, being for recruiting his company.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieutenant Colonel Wm. Butler for 4,000 Dollars, for recruiting service for the fourth Penna. Regiment, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Howell acco't for Extraordinary Expences in recruiting a Company for the Provincial Service last year.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Margaret Clay £11 0 0, for nursing and Boarding two deserters from the British Army, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Fergus Purden for sundry necessaries for the use of the Hospital at Province Island, £24 16 6.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Shearer £19 10 0 for 9¾ cords of oak wood delivered at the Hospital on Province Island.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Mathew Maguire, for 2,000 Dollars for recruiting service for Pena. State Regt. of Artillery, to be charged to Colonel Thomas Proctor.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers £77 15 6, for his weekly account to 30 March for making Musket Cartriges, workmen's wages, &ca., Including his wages from 19th Feb'y to 19th March last; also, £52 19 7, for his last weeks acco't.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., April 9th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Samuel Morris, Senr.,
Richard Bache, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Allen Jack £3 0 0, for 12 days service in collecting.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Savadge £50 for carrying on the Salt Works, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Geo. H. Myer £9 13 4, for Pay and Bounty due him of Capt. Maurer's Comp'y.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Rigden £15, for Painting, Lettering and Numbering Field Carriages, for Capt. Moulders' Comp'y.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Wm. Rush, for £600, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James McMasters £49 17 6, for Arms collected from non-associators in Bucks County & deliver for public use, as certified by James McNair, one of the Committee of said County.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for 600 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Britton £39 17, for Boards furnish'd Robt. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Briton £21 7, for Boards delivered John Smith, for the use of the Works at Billingsport.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Stephens & Co., £160, on acco't of Arms making by them, to be charg'd to their acco't.

N. B. 27 Guns d'd this day.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Messrs. Peter De Haven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their acco't, on acco't of the Gunlock Factory.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctr. John Davis £16 6 1, for sundry Medicines, &ca., purchased by him for Colonel Miles' Regiment while at Marcus Hook.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following Gentlemen for their attendance in the late Council of Safety, vizt:

Owen Biddle, Esqr., for 139 days @ 8s., ..... £55 12 0
Joseph Blewer, Esqr., for 176 days @ 8s., ..... £70 8 0
David Rittenhouse, Esqr., for 210 days @ 8s., ..... £84 0 0

31 days in the late Committee & 179 in the Council.
George Gray, Esq., for 123 days in the late Committee.
81 days in the Council of Safety.

204 days @ 8s., £81 12 0.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Lasher £4 7 6, for his Wages as an Express, to be charg'd to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

April 10th, 1777

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
Samuel Morris, Senr., Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay George Meade & Co., £17 10 0, for 70 Bushels of Coal delivered to Majr. Loxley, at the Brass Cannon Foundery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Carlisle & Volans, for £65 0 0, on account of Boards, &ca., to be charged to their account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jos. Finaver £40 8 5, for Tin Strops for Round Shott & Tin Tubes delivered into the Laboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Messrs. Josiah Hewes, A Tybout & Robt. Tuckness, £37 15 3, being a Balance due them for monies given to soldiers returning from their captivity at New York, whose necessities required immediate relief.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Shiras £11 2 0, for Provision for Prisoners returning from their Captivity in New York, while in Jersey by direction of the late Council of Safety, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Moses Young, in favour of Matthias Rush, for Sixty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Dundas, for £750, on acco't of the Fortification at Billingsport, to be charged to his acco't.

Moses Young was directed to pay Jas. Morrow £4, for 2 Blankets.

"In the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; The Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth:

To David Rittenhouse, Owen Biddle, Joseph Dean, Richard Bache and John Shee, Esquires:

Whereas, the Civil department of this Commonwealth requires great attention, and will for a time employ this Council to discharge the duties thereof, and as it is also of great Importance that a due attention be stil paid to the war which we are engaged in with great Britain, and confiding in your abilities and integrity, We do appoint you a Board of War for the Land service of this State, hereby giving to you, and any three of you, full power and authority to do and perform all matters and things necessary in the said War department, Subject, nevertheless, to the direction and examination of this Council from time to time, as we may judge necessary or expedient, and saving to ourselves always the power of appointing officers agreeable to the Frame of Government of this State.

Given in Council this tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

Signed. THO. WHARTON, JUN., Prest.

Attest:

TY. MATLACK, Secy.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

April 11th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean.

Capt. Stiles was directed to deliver to the Order of the Commissary General of Military Stores 25,000 Tacks for the use of the Factory of Accoutrements.

Mr. Prestly Blackstone exhibited his account of Monies expended by him for the relief of Poor Associators of Captain Lenox's Company, wherein it appear'd that he had expended £24 19 1, and that a Balance of £75 0 11 remained in his hand which Mr. Nesbitt was directed to receive and charge the £24 19 1 to this State.

Moses Young was directed to pay Robt. Patton £86 17 for the Balla. of his acco't, for furnishing different Articles of Cloathing for the State Troops.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Lish £188 7 9, for the amo't of his two acco'ts for Taylor's Work done for the State Troops.

Moses Young was directed to pay Robert Patton £363, for 484 Pair Men's Shoes @ 15s.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for One Thousand Pounds to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of William Crispin, Esquire, Commissary of Provisions, for £2,000, to be charged to his account.

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At a Board of War,

Philadelphia, 12 April, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Richard Bache,
Joseph Dean, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Glover Hunt for sundry necessaries and attendance on wounded Soldiers £3 0 0, to be charged to Congress.

Captain Joseph Blewer was requested to purchase 14 Carriage Guns, 4 pounders, at as reasonable a rate as he can for this Board.

Moses Young was directed to pay Mich'l Boyer £8 5, for his Wages as an Express, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Dunlap £80 3 4, for Printing Work done for the late Council of Safety.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Will'm Shar £23 6 6, for 33 Barrels @ 15s. & heading, d'd Robert Towers, to be charg'd to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Jacob Ashmead £3 2 6, for Horse hire, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Kreimer £210 18. for 28½ doz. Hose @ 14s. 8d.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 13th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Joseph Dean.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., April 14th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, John Shee,
Richard Bache, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse.

Colonel Bull informed the Board that he was in want of 100 Stands of Arms and accoutrements, which Colonel Flower, Commissary General of Military Stores, was requested to deliver.

William Crispin, Esqr., Commissary of Provisions, was directed to send to Fort Island 34 Barrels of Pork and Two Barrels of Lard, Thirty Barrels of Flour, & Rum for 500 men for 2 weeks, to the care of Colonel Proctor, to be in Store in case of an attack.

Mr. Crispin was directed to receive of Colonel D. Potter 20 Barrels of Pork for the use of this State.

Colonel Dean is requested to provide two Boats for Fort Island.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Capt. Joseph Stiles, for £150, to be charged to his account.

All the Troops belonging to and in the pay of this State, wherever they may be, are directed and required to pay obedience to any Orders that may be given them by Major Schuyler the present Commander in Chief in this State.*

Resolved, That General Schuyler be requested by this Board to take the most effectual means to prevent the departure of the empty Waggons now in this City, as well as to procure such an additional number as may be judg'd necessary for the removal, not only of the public, but also such private Stores, as may be thought eligible at this juncture to send out of the City; he will at the same time give such directions as will prevent for the present, further supplys of Provisions being brought to this City.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Morrison £27 0 0, for 12 Cords of wood delivered at the Hospital on Province Island.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 15th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Richard Bache,
Joseph Dean, David Rittenhouse.
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robt. McKim £100 0 0 , for 25 Stands of Arms delivered to Mr. Towers.

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*Gen. Schuyler was in command at Philadelphia until the 28th of May, 1777, when he left to take command of the Northern Department, and Gen. B. Arnold succeeded him at Philadelphia.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of James Byers, for £300, to be charged to his account, on account of the Brass Cannon Foundery.

Capt. Joseph Stiles was directed to deliver to the order of the Hon'ble Navy Board of this State, such Stores as they may have occasion for.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., April 16th, 1777.

Present:

His Excellency the President of the State.
Owen Biddle, Chairman, David Rittenhouse.
Joseph Dean, Richard Bache,
John Shee.

An Order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for 1,000 Dollars, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Bart. Galbraith £26 1 2, for arms collected after the 23d May, 1776.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Ezekiel Webb 26s. for suppers for 26 men of Capt. Bentley's & Capt. Spear's Companies of Militia of Chester County, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Isaac Melchor, for 2,000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver to Mr. Watkins 1,000 lb of Cannon Cartridge Paper.

Capt. Stiles was directed to deliver Colonel Flower, Commissary General of Stores, two Iron four pounders on Traveling Carriages, for the Service of the United States, and 200 Round Shott, and 200 Rounds of Grape Shot fixed for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. David Potter £360 6 3, being the Balance of his Account for Pork purchased by him, per agreement made by the late Council of Safety, 30th October last.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Elenon Hart, for £40 0 0, & charge the same to Col. Thos. Proctor.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Cameron, for thirty pounds, to be charged to Col. Thos. Proctor.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of William Crispin, Esqr., for £3,000, to purchase provisions for Naval and Land Forces in the service of this State, to be charged to his account.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Commanding Offi-

cers of the late Military Association in this State to have a meeting with their respective Corps of Officers, to consult together upon the best method of arming their fellow Citizens and Countrymen, to acquaint themselves with the number of men within their respective Districts that are willing to receive arms for the defence of themselves, their families and Property, when actually invaded by the enemy, until the force of the State can be collected under the Militia Law, w'h is in great forwardness. Upon the report of the Officers aforesaid to this Board, proper measures will be adopted to supply the deficiency of arms, and every measure taken with them for the public defence; such arms as are not fit for service, the commanding officers are requested to have immediately repair'd, for w'h purpose they are to apply to Mr. John Tyler, Gunsmith in Arch Street.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to John Webster, Qr. Mr. Sergeant of the Pennsylva. Artillery, Axes for the use of the Fortifications on Fort Island.

Moses Young was directed to pay Christr. Ludwick £6 4, for 4 Pair of Shoes @ 16s., and 2 Blankets @ 30s.

Moses Young was directed to pay James Justice £6 15, for 9 Pair of Shoes @ 15.

Moses Young was directed to pay James Yarnall £2 5, for 3 Pair of Shoes @ 15s.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Nicola, for Sixteen Hundred pounds for the pay of the City Guards, to be charged to his account.

Moses Young was directed to pay Robert Curry £278 6, for 101 Pair of Buckskin Breeches & 35 Pair of Shoes.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 17th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean, Richard Bache,
David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Michael Kemmell, Paymaster to the 5th Pena. Regt. for 1,500 Dollars for recruiting service, to be charged to Col. Johnston.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. John Cox £981 5, the Balla. of his acco't for Cast Iron furnish'd the late Council of Safety.

Moses Young was directed to pay Shippen and Fisher £11 10, for 24 empty Casks furnish'd for the State Store.

An Order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Mitchell, for £500, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Bodly £92, for the amo't of his Pay Roll of the Guards at the Continental Powder Mill of the 5th Batt'n of Chester County Militia for one month, to be charg'd to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 18th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers £69 0 9, for his weekly account for men's Wages for Work in the Laboratory.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay David Evans £13 7 0, for amunition Boxes, &ca., delivered to Mr. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctor Dunlap £16 1 6, for medicines, &ca., for the use of the Hospital on province Island.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 19th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, John Shee,
Richard Bache, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay William Cannon £27 2 3, for making 66 Regimental Coats.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylva. Board of War,

Philada., April 21st, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Joseph Dean,
Owen Biddle.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Kreimer £133 4, for 18 doz. Hose @ 14s. 8d.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Lt. Col. Henry Becker for two Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his account for recruiting service.

Captain Stiles was directed to deliver to the order of Colonel Flowers, the Commissary General of Military Stores, 8 Spunges, 6 Worms and Ladles for 6 Pounders, and 6 Spunges for 3 Pounders.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Marshall & Stiles £109 15 0, for 122 pk. of Thread for tying musket Cartridges, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel James Chambers, for Two Thousand Dollars for the recruiting Service of the first Penna. Regimt., to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esqr., Treasurer to this State, in favour of Doctr. Benjn. Rush for £187 0 0, for his attendance in Congress as a delegate from this State, from July to 27th February last.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctr. Charles Bensell, junr., & his mate 38½ Dollars for 3 weeks & a half service each, in the Philada. County Militia.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to the Order of the Continental Navy Board, Seventy 2 Pound Shott as a loan.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for 1,000 Dollars, to be charged to his accot.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Kreimer £129 10, for 17½ doz. Hose @ 14s. 8d.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., April 23rd, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Richard Bache,
Joseph Dean, John Shee,
David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Peter Dehaven, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

Moses Young was directed to pay Philip March £29 5, for 39 Pair of Shoes @ 15s.

Moses Young was directed to pay Michael Boyer £14, for the amo't of his acco't of Express Riding.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Marle £20, for Exp's of removing Plank from Phila. to Billingsport.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Duffield & Delany £217 9, for Drugs, &c., furnish'd the Troops of this State, to be charg'd to Penna.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 24th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Richard Bache,
Joseph Dean, David Rittenhouse,
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Apty 29 £10 6, for Maintenance and fees of Colonel Proctor's men in the work house.

Moses Young was directed to pay Erhart Rose £2 16 3, for dieting part of Capt. Cricks Comp'y of Militia of Berks County in January last, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Rose £9 0 0, for Three months Service in teaching the Drummers and Fifers of the 1st Battalion of Berks County Militia last Summer.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay George Capehurt for Transporting Nine Gun Carriages to Fort Island, £2 0 0.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Major Forrest £8 5 0, for Expences of a Company of Artillery on their March to join Genl. Washington in Dec'r Last, and £5 15 0 for his Expences & Horse hire to Shrewsbury when after disaffected persons, to be charged to Congress. Also 30s. for a Coffin for a Soldier in the Artillery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Sergt. Jonathan Guy for Ten Dollars on account of his Pension.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 25th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, John Shee,
David Rittenhouse, Richard Bache,
Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Waters, for £78 2 0.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Coates £38 6 4, being for his Expences in Guarding Nicholas Pickard, (who is

charged with endeavoring to stir up the Indians aginst the Frontires of this State,) from Northumberland County.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., April 26th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay George Stow £9 13 6, for Blocks for Round Shott delivered to Capt. Stiles.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., April 28th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee, Richard Bache.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Bringhurst £100 8 9, for 2½ Casks of nails for the use of Fort Island, delivered to Robt. Allison.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Henry Dewees £69 10 0, for 1,390 lb Cannon Cartrige paper delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Abraham Labar £148 10 8, for pay of a Lieutenant, three Serjeants, a Drummer, Fifer, & eighteen privates, being for Guards Stationed at Easton Ferry, from 16th of February to the 20th of February last Inclusive; also £114 5 5, for Provision, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. John Dunlap £111 3 6, for Cannon Cartridge paper delivered to Mr. Towers, Commissary of Stores.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 29th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Richard Bache,
Joseph Dean, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Pomroy £11 2 4, for 667 Tin Strops delivered into the Laboratory.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Lynch £75 10 6, for Blocks for Grape & Round Shott delivered into the Laboratory.

At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, April 30th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairman, Richard Bache,
John Shee, Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Shaller £39 2, for Expences in bringing prisoners from Egg Harbour to this City, taken in a Transport & carried into Cranberry Inlet, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Larew, jr., £30 0 8, for 3,042 feet of Plank delivered at the public works under the direction of Mr. John Stiller.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 1st, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, John Shee,
Richard Bache.

Ordered, That Captain John Pugh be directed to raise his Company to Sixty-eight privates.

Moses Young was directed to pay Mathias Bush £7 8 for 1 doz. Hose; Christr. Ludwick £6 for sundries per Bill, and Philip Boehm £7 10 for 10 Pair of Shoes @ 15s.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 2nd, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Chairn., David Rittenhouse,
Richard Bache, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

Agreeable to a requisition of the Board to Congress for One Hundred Thousand Dollars, an order was sent down for that Sum signed by Mr. President Hancock, dated 30 April, payable to the Executive Council of this State or order, which was endorsed by His Excellency Thomas Wharton, junr., Esqr., to John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esqr.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Stonemitz £24 0 0, for 6 Muskets & Bayonets delivered to Mr. Towers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Col-

onel William Butler, for One Thousand Dollars for recruiting Service for the fourth Penna. Regt., to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain John Pugh £117 11 S, for pay of his Company Stationed as Guards at the Continental Stores at French Creek, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn by Thomas Nevill, in favour of Valentine Hoffman, for £190 7 0, to be charged to Thomas Nevill.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Dundas, for £750, on acco't of the works carrying on at Billingsport, to be charged to Mr. Dundas.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. John Pugh, for 500 Dollars for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mathew Maguire, Paymaster to the State Regt. of Artillery, for 3,000 Dollars for the recruiting Service, to be charged to acco't of Col. Thos. Proctor.

Resolved, That John Bull, Esquire, be appointed Colonel; Lewis Farmer, Esquire, Lieutenant Colonel, and John Murray, Esquire, First Major of the Pennsylvania State Regiment of Foot.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel William Coates, for one Thousand Pounds for the purpose of paying for substitutes for Militia Service & the purchase of Arms & Accoutremnts for the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, to be charged to his account.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., May 3d, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee.

Moses Young was directed to pay Fred. Hagner £32 for 40 Pair of Drilling Breeces @ 16s. per pair.

Moses Young was directed to deliver to the Quarter Master of the State Reg't 66 Coats, 50 Jackets, 50 shirts, 20 Pair of Breeches, 30 Pair of Hose, 50 Pair of Shoes, 20 Blkts. and 20 Caps.

Moses Young was directed to deliver to the Quarter Master of the Penna. Artillery 100 Pair of Buckskin Breeches.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Ginther £11 5, for his

Wages as an Express and attendance on the Board, £3 15 of which to be charg'd to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to Pay John Beck £5 12 6, for his Wages as an Express, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Col. Adam Hubley, for 2,500 Dollars, for the recruiting service of the 10th Penna. Regt., to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Geo. Henry, Lieut. for the City of Philadelphia, for £1000 to be charged to his account.

Moses Young was directed to Deliver the Quar. Master of the State Regt. one suit of Cloaths.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn by Mr. Thomas Savadge on this board in fav'r of Lawrence Salter & Co. for £695 11 4, being the Balance due them for Pans, &ca., &ca., for the Pen'a Salt Works on Tom's River, to be charged to Mr. Savadge.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, £126 4 0, for his account to 20 April last, and £90 4 3 for his last week's acco't for Expences in making musket cartridges, & men's Wages, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Everard McClees £10 14 1, for Boarding Sick belonging to armed Boates at hollanders Creek, from 1st July to October 1st, 1776.

Mr. Nesbit was directed to pay Captain Elijah Weed £101 97, for Expences of himself & a Guard of 4 men with their wages & hire of a waggon and four horses from this City to Baltimore, for public money, in the month of February last and back, in which service they employed 14 days, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Kreimer £144 6, for 19½ doz. Hose @ 14s. 8d.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 5th, 1777.

Present:

His Excellency THOMAS WHARTON, junr. Esqr.

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean, David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Marien Lamar, One Thousand Dollars for Recruiting Service for the fourth Pen'a Regt., to be charged to Lt. Col. Wm. Butler.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Isaac Mecher, for two Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Captn. Joseph Stiles, director of Artillery Stores, for five Hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mrs. Miles, for Five Hundred Dollars, to be charged to Col. Samuel Miles.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Matthias Bush, for One Thousand Dollars for procuring knapsacks, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay John Hood £27 15 0, for 9½ yards of Red Cloth.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. T. Marle £55 18 3, for days work done by 12 men at fort Island.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Matthew Maguire, or 1,000 Dollars for recruiting service for Pen'a State Regt., to be charged to Col. Thomas Proctor.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of William Crispin, Esqr., Commissary of Provisions, for Five Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing provisions for the Naval and Land Forces of this State, to be charged to his account.

Whereas, By a resolve of the Honorable Congress of the 14th April, it is recommended to the different Legislatures to authorize the enlisting of apprentices and Servants to compleat the Regiments raising in their respective States:

And whereas, By the recess of the Legislature of this State, no law, however necessary, can at this time be enacted; therefore,

Resolved, That His Excellency, the President of the Supreme Executive Council, together with this Board, entirely concurring with that Honorable Body in the propriety and necessity of the measure recommended, are fully of opinion that the enlisting of apprentices and Servants of the age of sixteen years and upwards to compleat the Troops of this State, at this present critical juncture, ought to be allowed of, declaring at the same time that they shall esteem it their duty to use their influence, (if necessary,) with the Legislature of this State, as soon as convened, to pass a law to make full compensation to such Masters of apprentices and servants, as have or may suffer by this necessary measure being carried into execution, and that for the future none are to be enlisted under the age of sixteen years.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

May 6th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee, David Rittenhouse,

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Joseph Wood, for Two Thousand Dollars for recruiting Service for the third Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John McGinley, for £150, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Marle £18 0 0, for 30 days service at Fort Island in Overseeing Labourers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Richard Humpton, for 1,500 Dollars, for service for 11th Pennsylvania Regt., to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Martin Risor for 1200 Strops for Round Shot delivered to Captain Stiles, director of Artillery Stores, £20 0 0.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esqr., State Treasurer, in favour of Capt. Jacob Laverswiler, paymaster of the Pennsylvaia State Regiment of Foot, for £3500, to pay the Troops Two Months Wages, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour Colonel Wm. Coates, for 1,200 Dollars, to purchase Blankets in Philadelphia County, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Jacob Losh, for £50, towards manufacturing Continental Salt Petre into Gunpowder, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Godfrey Gabler, for 500 Dollars, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Moses Young, for 1,500 Dollars, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Evans £148 3 0, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages; £11 15 0 for Iron Work for Brass Cannon Foundery, to be charged to the Foundery.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sachevarel Wood for Sundry Expenses going down the River to view the fortifications sundry times & other Expences, including his Wages as Door Keeper from 13 March to 5th Instant, £147 10 8.

At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 7th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers, Com'y of Stores, his last week's Account for Expences, Mens Wages, working in Laboratory, &ca., £65 14 3.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Robinson £85 2 9, for making Amunition Boxes, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lewis Grant £132 8, for his Acco't of Gun Ladles & copper ferrels for rammer heads, deliver'd Capt. Joseph Stiles.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Wm. Moore £46 7, for the Ball'e of his Acco't of Bounty & Recruiting Exps., to be charg'd to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 8th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Read £4 18. for Exps. of himself and Robt. Bridges to Cohansey Bridge, to bring to town a suspected person, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Elmslie £4 10, for work done the Gun Carriages.

Moses Young was directed to pay Adam Haas £3 12, for subsistence for 26 men and four horses of Capt. Wills' Company, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Andrew Lytle, Qr. Mr. to the Penn'a State Regt. of Foot, 55 Camp, Kettles for the use of said Regt.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Christian Shaffer £78 5 3½, being the Balance of his account for work done at the Barracks.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 9th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Joseph Dean.

At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 10th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Brand £13 7 6, for Bed Cords, &ca., delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Howell £3 18 3, for expences in pursuit of Hastings, Stackhouse, & others, in Byburry & the neighborhood, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Robert Smith, Esqr., Lieutenant of Chester County, for Two Thousand Dolalrs for the purpose of purchasing Blankets for the army in said County, to be charged to his account.

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At a Meeting of the Pen'a Board of War,

Philada., May 12th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, David Rittenhouse,
Joseph Dean, John Shee.

Mr. Crispin was directed to supply the carpenters working at Fort Island with Rations of Beef & Pork.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. Robt. Allison, for one Hundred pounds towards carpenters work at Fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Simon Murry £7 4 0, for Tin Strops for Round Shot delivered at the Laboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Stout and others £108 14 4, for Expences in pursuit of one Ayliff, in Bucks County, & Several of his recruits who were enlisted for General Hows Army, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Jacob S. Howell, Secretary of this board, be allowed Seventeen Shillings & Sixpence per diem for his Services, and that Moses Young, Assistant, be allowed twelve Shillings and sixpence per diem for his services.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Carter, for Two Hundred Pounds for the purpose of paying for repairing Arms for this State, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel

Chiney, for five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of Collecting Blankets in Chester County, to be charged to Colonel Robert Smith.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 13th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee,
Joseph Dean, David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Robert Erwin, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel James Chambers or order, for 4,000 Dollars, for recruiting service of the 1st Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mrs. Topham, wife of Daniel Topham, first Lieut. in one of the Rifle Battalions, and now a prisoner on Long Island, £67 10 0, on account of his wages, to be charged to him.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Margaret Shepherd £5 0 6, for Lodging & boarding 14 men of Capt. Rice's Company of who went to Camp, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 14th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse, John Shee.

Moses Young was directed to pay the following acco'ts: Leo. Kreimer, £85 2, for 11½ Doz. Hose, @ 14s. 8d.; Chr. Hansman, £12 15 11, for Taylor's work; Christ'n Kneis, £10 15 3, for Taylor's work, and Benj. Thomas, £2 5 for 3 pr. Shoes.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Frederick Kuhl, Esqr., £49 4, in full for his attendance 123 days on the late Council of Safety, @ 8s. per diem.

William Crispin, Esqr., was directed to supply Mr. John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, with two Rations per day.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wollory Meng £196 7 0, for Bayonet Belts, Cartouch Boxes, &ca., for Col. Proctor's Regt. of Artillery.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the Following accounts: Joseph Stride, for painting Gun Carriages for Block Houses at Fort Island, £8 0 0; also, £41 0 3, for painting Carriages, &ca., for George Ingles.

John Gruber, for 2 pair of Carriage Wheels, delivered George Ingels, £20.

Joseph Pearson for Iron work for Carriage Wheels, £72 6 9.

Sacheveral Wood, for Wood bought for the Room, &ca., £5 3 10.

Fergus Purdon, Steward of the Hospital at Province Island, £42 9 11, for necessaries for the Hospital.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay George Genther £8 5 0, for attendance & going express, &ca.

Resolved, That Doctr. Dunlap, Director of the Hospital at Province Island, be allowed Three Dollars & four Rations per diem, to commence the first of this Instant May, and that his Mates be allowed Ten Shillings & two Rations per diem from this day.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 15th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee, David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Fitch £20 0 0, being the Balance of his account for repairing arms last summer, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 16th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, David Rittenhouse,
Joseph Dean, John Shee.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Lesher £5 0 0, for 4 days riding Express to Easton.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this board that no servant or apprentice ought to be admitted as a substitute, according to a resolve of Congress of the 14th April last, for any person or persons except his own master, without the express consent of such master in writing; and that where one or two persons have delivered a servant or apprentice, belonging to another

person, to any officer as their substitute, and received such officer's Certificate thereof, such person or persons ought not to be exempted from Military duty by virtue of such certificate.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 17th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, David Rittenhouse,
Joseph Dean.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Gray £2 5, for 1 Rose Blanket.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Handlin £63 17 10, for Expences attending a number of Indians to and from Maryland, and while in Philada., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Patterson £26 0 2, for Arms & repairing, &ca., for Militia of Bucks County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Abraham Mason £33 2 0, for men's wages for work in the Laboratory.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 19th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Nevill £288 7 7, being the Balance of his Account for work done at making Carriages, &ca.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philada., May 20th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
Joseph Shee.

Moses Young was directed to pay the Managers of the House Employment £5 6 10, for 4¾ yds. Cloth @ 22s. 6d.

At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

May 21st, 1777.

Present:

David Rittenhouse, Chairman, John Shee,
Richard Bache, Joseph Dean.

Moses Young was directed to pay Fred Snider £19 13 5, for his attendance on the Board and small charges pd. by him.

Moses Young was directed to pay Edward Stroud £21 5, for his wages as an Express, to be charg'd to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to deliver to the Quarter Master of the Penna. State Regt. 40 Jackets, 40 Pr. Breeches, 100 Shirts, 200 Blankets, 70 Pair of Shoes & 50 Pr. Hose.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylva. Board of War,

Philada., May 22nd, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leo. Kreimer £162 16, for 22 Doz. Hose @ 14s. 8d.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. England £20 0 0, for 8 Cords of wood for the use of the Hospital on Province Island.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Wilson £1 17 6, for Pasting up advertisements.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 23d, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse, John Shee.

Moses Young was directed to pay Walter Davis £1 15, for a Blanket.

Moses Young was directed to pay Jon'n. Guy £10 2 6, for his attendance on the Board, and £1 10 for half a Month's pay, to be charg'd to Congress.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., May 24th 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse, John Shee.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Col. Bull 150 Stand of Arms for the Penn'a State Regiment.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., May 26th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Dean, John Shee.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., May 27th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

Moses Young was directed to deliver to the Order of Capt. Stiles, one Piece of Flannel for the Elaboratory.

Moses Young was directed to pay Nich's Curry £21 2 6, for 10 Blankets & 1 p's green Baise.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., May 28th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
John Shee, David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Williamson £3 0 0, for Two Hides for Capt. Moulder's Company of Artillery, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Daniel Griggs, for £500, to be charged to Penn'a Salt Works, under the direction of Thomas Savadge.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 29th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle.
David Rittenhouse, John Shee.

Agreeable to a request of the board to Congress, An order was granted for Fifty Thousand Dollars, dated the 26th Instant, for the Express purpose of recruiting the Continental Army, drawn on John Gibson, Esqr., Audr. General, payable to this Board, the State of Pennsylvania to be accountable; Which order was endorsed by the Chairman, to John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer of this Board.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Francis Johnston, for recruiting service of the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, for One Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Michael Huffnagle, of the Eighth Penna. Regiment, for 300 Dollars, to be charged to Col. Danl. Broadhead.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Marien Lamar, for Five Hundred Dollars, for recruiting service of the fourth Pennsylvania Regt., to be charged to Lieut. Col. William Butler.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Beck £15 15 0, for his attendance as door keeper to 20th Instant.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, May 30th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache Owen Biddle.
David Rittenhouse, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Dehaven £75 5 0, for his services for superintending the Gun Manufactory and other services, including the Keeping a Horse from 20th January to 1st May, 86 days, @ 7s. 6d.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieutenant Coll. Francis Gurney, for One Thousand Dollars for recruiting service for the 11th Pen'a Regt., to be charged to Coll. Richard Humpton.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. James Lang, of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regt., for One Thousand

Dollars for recruiting service, to be charged to Lt. Col. Adam Hubley, junr.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., May 31st, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
John Shee.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Peter Dehaven, for £300, for carrying on the Gun Factory at French Creek, to be charged to his account.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 2nd, 1777.

Present:

John Shee, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leo. Kreimer £66 12, for 9 doz. Hose @ 14s. 8d.

David Rittenhouse, Esqr., State Treasurer, was directed to pay Thomas Marle, Superintendent of the Labourers on Fort Island, £109 1, for one month's wages of s'd Labourers, including his own pay.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Colonel Thomas Craig, of the 3d Penna. Regt., 750 Dollars for the recruiting service, to be charged to Col. Wood.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., June 3rd, 1777.

Present:

John Shee, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Col. George Nagel, for 350 Dollars for recruiting service of the ninth Pennsylvania Regiment.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Arc'd. Campbell, for 800 Dollars for recruiting service for the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charged to Lieut. Col. Henry Becker.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Thomas Hale, for £41 16 0, being the Balance of his account for Handleing 772 Pikes.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., June 4th, 1777.

Present:

Owen Biddle, Joseph Dean.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 5th, 1777.

Present:

John Shee, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean, David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Major Caleb Noarth, for 1500 Dollars for the recruiting Service of the tenth Penna. Reg't, to be charg'd to Lieut. Colonel Hubley.

Ordered, That the Commanding Officer of each of the Twelve Regiments of the Continental Troops, raised in this State agreeable to a requisition of Congress, do immediately make a return to this board of the number of men which have been recruited for the Regiment, as well as the number passed muster and brought into the Field from the 16th day September, 1776, until the day of the said return; also, the present State of the Regiment.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay ———Collins £50, for a Horse and Cart for the use of the Hospital on Province Island.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., June 6th, 1777.

Present:

John Shee, Joseph Dean.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., June 9th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Joseph Dean.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 10th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

Moses Young was directed to pay the following accounts:
Andrew Beck £4, for 2 Blankets.
James Yarnall £3 15, for 5 Pair of Shoes.
John Yentzer £77 14, for 10½ doz. Hose, @ 14s. 8d.
Nicholas Curry £18, for 12 Blankets, @ 30s.
Jacob Shark £18 15, for 25 Pair of Shoes, @ 15s.
Jacob Swab £17 19 1½, for Taylor's work.
Samuel Wetherill £367 7, for 10 p's Cloth.
Etting and Bush £184 3 6, for 10 p's Oznaburgs.

Application being made to this Board by General Mifflin for a Detachment of Artillery, with two Field Pieces, to be sent to Corryell's Ferry, to defend that Pass in case the enemy attempt to cross there.

Order'd, That Colonel Proctor be directed to send two Officers and twenty men, with two Pieces of Artillery, to Corryell's Ferry immediately, aggreable to the requisition of General Mifflin.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., June 11th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

An order was drawn by his Excellency, Thos. Wharton, junr, Esquire, on David Rittenhouse, Esqr., State Treasurer, in favour of the Chairman of the Penn'a Board of War for £2,000, dated June 10, 1777, which order was endorsed by the Chairman in favour of William Crispin, Esquire, Commissary of Provisions, he to be accountable.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., June 12th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean, David Rittenhouse.

David Rittenhouse, Esqr., was directed to pay Doctr. Clarkson £18 17, for Medicine & Attendance for Col. Proctor's Regt.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctr. Clarkson £139 9, for Medicine & Attendance for the Prisoners in the State Prison.

Col. Benja. Flower, Commissary General of Military Stores, was requested to Deliver Col. Jacob Morgan, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, 150 Cartouch Boxes. Mr. Towers to deliver him 250 Canteens, & Mr. Moses Young to deliver him 150 Knapsacks for use of the Militia of said County.

Col. Flower was requested to deliver Capt. Joseph Moulder, of Militia Artillery of this City, Thirty Stand of Light Arms for his Company.

Mr. George Ingles was directed to deliver Capt. David Pancoast two Carriages for Brass Six pounders, & to assist Capt. Pancoast to finish four more.

An order was sent down from the Supreme Executive Council, Sign'd by his Excellency, the President, for two Thousand Pounds, dated this day, drawn on David Rittenhouse, Treasurer of this State.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esqr., in favour of James Carter, for five Hundred Pounds for the purpose of paying for repairing Militia and State Arms.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., for Two Thousand Dollars, in favour of Mr. Matthew Maguire, Paymaster to Penn'a Artillery, for the purpose of paying the men & recruiting the Regt., to be charged to Colonel Thomas Proctor.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esquire, in fav'r Moses Young for £300, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Davenport £24 6 10, for 10¼ Cords of wood for Fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Willm. Slide £19 13 9, for wood delivered at the Province Hospital.

The following Petition and Remonstrance was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes:

To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Assembly met:

The Petition & Remonstrance of the Board of War for the State of Pennsylvania respectfully Sheweth:

That an address hath been presented to this Board, Signed by a number of respectable Inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia, seting forth amongst other things, "the difference of sentiment which prevails among the Inhabitants of Pennsyl-

vania concerning the plan of Government formed by the late Convention, and that certain defects and disorders," which we can't help acknowledging, are too apparent, have risen "in a great degree from this difference of sentiment," concurring as we do in the wish, "to see difference subside and all the well affected Members of the State united in Vigorous measures for defending & Securing their Country, and for repelling the Common Enemy:" and being fully perswaded that nothing will so effectually tend to promote this happy Event as the calling a Convention for the purpose of revising, altering, amending or confirming the present plan of Government, Ardently wishing, at the same time, to see the form of Government, as at present established, executed with as much vigor as Possible until such alteration or amendment shall take place;

We, the members of the Pennsylvania Board of War, respectfully and earnestly entreat that your Honorable House will, as early as possible, take such measures as you shall judge Expedient for procuring a Convention for the purpose of revising, altering amending or confirming the present Plan of Government, flattering ourselves that this step will have an immediate tendency to Harmonize the true Friends of Liberty in every part of this State.

By order of the Board,

(Signed.) RICH. BACHE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 13th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esqr., State Treasurer, for Five Hundred pounds, for the purpose of carrying on the public Gunlock Factory at French Creek, to be charged to his acco't.

Moses Young was directed to pay Nicholas Curry £27 12 6, for 17 Blankets, @ 32s. 6d.

David Rittenhouse, Esqr., State Treasurer, was requested to pay James Lynch £74 4 0, for Bottoms for Round and Grape Shot, &ca., delivered to Capt. Stiles, director of the Artillery Stores, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esqr., in favour of Capt. John Pugh, for £170 7 0, for a month's pay of his Company, stationed at French Creek Powder mills, he to be accountable.

At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 14th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse, John Shee.

David Rittenhouse, Esqr., was directed to pay Robert Towers the following acco'ts: May 11th, £101 3 9; May 18th, £189 17 6; May 25th, £65 0 6; June 1st, £60 1 3; June 8th, £25 14 4, being for weekly expences of making Cartridges, men's wages, &c., &c., to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to deliver to the Qr. Mr. of Col. Bull's regt., viz: 150 Coats, 150 Jackets, 150 Pair of Breeches, 150 shirts, 50 Pair of Shoes, 100 Pair of Hose, and 50 Knapsacks.

Robt. Towers, Esqr., Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver Capt. Watkins 50,000 Musket Cartridges to send to Camp.

David Rittenhouse, Esqr., was directed to pay George Genther £20 0 0, for Horse Hire & damages done him, he being employed to go in pursuit of disaffected persons in Bucks County, rode by Lieut. Stoy in May last, to be charged to Congress.

David Rittenhouse, Esqr., was directed to pay James Wilson three pounds & three shillings for Halling Block Tin from Lancaster, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Rittenhouse, in favour of Mr. James Loughead, for £75 0 0, in part of expences incurred in removing Stores out of Town.

Resolved, That Mr. Edward Ryves, Deputy Muster Master Genl. of the Fleet and Army of this State, be allowed Captain's pay and Rations for his services.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John McGinley £154 13 4, for Balance due him for Iron Work delivered George Inglis, Superintendent of Gun Carriages.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 16th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Coll. Gurney, for one thousand dollars for the recruiting service of the 11th Penn'a Regt., to be charg'd to Coll. Humpton.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., June 17th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

An order was drawn on Mr. Rittenhouse, in favour of Moses Young, for £50, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Isaac Hoffman £28 15, for wood deliver'd at Fort Island & Hospital.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 18th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer, for Six Thousand Dollars, in favor of Capt. Jacob Laverswyler, to be charged to his Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Henry Haller, of Berks County, £239 15 0, for arms purchased by him, in said County, for the Militia of his Battalion going into Continental service.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wolfkong Hoghen £7 0 4, for repairing Arms for Northumberland County Militia in december last.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Carlisle & Volans £11 1 9, being the Balance of their acco't for Boards &ca., delivered to Mr. Towers & Mr. Robinson for Fort Island, &ca.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Dundass, for Two Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of paying for Materials & wages for Fategue men at Billingsport & Red Bank, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. George Ingels, Superintendent of Gun Carriages, for £300, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. McClain £71 13 0, for services of 59 men of Coll. John Allison's Battalion of Cumberland County Militia, in pursuit of Tories in that County in March last.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Robt. Allison, for five Hundred pounds, for the purpose of carrying on the works at Fort Island, to be charged to Allison & Worrell.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robt. Allison's order on this board, in favour of Benjamin Clark, for two Hundred pounds, towards Logs delivered at Fort Island, to be charged to Allison and Worrell.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Maffet & Leeds £32 12 6, for 2 Setts of Tire and nails for Gun Carriages delivered to Mr. Nevill in february last.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay John Handlyn £7 3 3, for Expences for Indians, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., June 19th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. Thomas B. Bowen, of the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, for one Hundred Dollars for the recruiting service, to be charged to Lt. Col. Geo. Nagel.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following accounts, vizt:

Joseph Finnavour's acco't for Tin Cannisters for Grape Shot delivered at the Laboratory, amount'g to £25 15 0.

Mr. Hughes' acco't for coals delivered at Fort Island, amount'g to £58 2 9½.

James Coffee's acco't for Iron Work for two Guns, amounting to £44 17 8.

John Foelish acco't for wheel-barrows deliver'd to Mr. Towers, amounting to £14 12 6.

John Stiller's account for wheelwrights work for Gun Carriages, amounting to £113 2 6.

Andrew Ashton's acco't for Iron Work for Gun Carriages, amounting to £23 12 0.

Capt. Roger Stayner's acco't of Expences going in pursuit of I. Arrow Smith, in New Jersey, of whom Molesworth gave information, amount'g to £7 15 0, to be charged to Congress.

James Carter's acco't for superintending Gun Manufactory, 86 days at 10s., £43 0 0.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 20th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee.
David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Reed £56 16 10½, for ditchers' wages, mending the Banks, &ca., on Fort Island, to the 14th June Inst.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Clifton £625, for 500 Cartouch Boxes & 500 Belts, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Moses Young was directed to pay Thomas Mitchell £21 5, for the Ball'r of his account for Button Making.

Moses Young was directed to pay Jon'n Guy £10 17 6, for attendance on the Board, & his Pension from the 16th May until the 16th Inst., £1 10 of which to be charg'd to Congress.

An Order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for £600, to be charg'd to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Joseph Stiles, Superintendent of Artillery Stores, for three Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer, in favour of Wm. Crispin, Esqr., Commissary of Provisions, for three Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., June 21st, 1777.

Present:

John Shee, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
David Rittenhouse.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer, was directed to pay Abraham Leech £34 2 10, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages delivered to George Ingels, Superintendent of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay George Frees £36 0 0, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages delivered to George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following persons for Iron Work for Gun Carriages, delivered to George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages, vizt:

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| George Esterly, for the amunt of his account,..... | £99 | 4 | 6 |
| Nicholas Hess, for amo't of two accounts, ..... | 301 | 11 | 5½ |
| Henry Horn, for amo't of his acco't, ..... | 56 | 15 | 0 |
| John Right, for amo't of his acco't, ..... | 19 | 4 | 0 |
| Peter Walters, for amo't of his acco't, ..... | 21 | 4 | 0 |

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robt. Fitzgerald £89 10 0, Heads and Pins for Grape Shott for fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Gruber £20, for two

pair of Large Carriage Wheels, Delivered to George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

An order was drawn on Captain Jacob Laverswiler, paymaster Col. Stewart's Regiment, in favor of David Rittenhouse, Esqr., State Treasurer, for 1,000 Dollars, being overplus money drawn by him for the payment of said Regiment.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esqr., State Treasurer, in favour of Mr. James Dundass, for £1,100, for the purpose of paying fatigue men and Labourers their Wages for Working on the Fortifications at Billingsport, to be charged to his acco't.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., June 23rd, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Dean.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., June 24th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, David Rittenhouse,
Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Evans £53 2 3, of Iron Work for Gun carriages delivered to Mr. George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Steel & Newman £27 6 0, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages d'd to Mr. G. Ingels, Superintend't of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Fergus Purdon, Stewart of the Hospital at Fort Island, £40 8 6, necessaries purchased for the Hospital.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. John Reily, of the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment, for Four Hundred Dollars for recruitng service, to be charged to Coll. William Cook.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Walters £21 8 0, for refining Sulphur.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Godfrey Gabler £25 1 6, being the Balance of his acco't for Iron Work for Gun Carriages delivered to Geo. Ingels, Superintendent of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benjamin Town £33 0 0, for printing enlistment Papers and recruiting orders.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 25th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn by James Worrel & Robert Allison, on this Board, in favour of Archibald Moffat for £297 0 0, for Plank, Pickets and Logs for the additional wings of the Battery at Fort Island, to be charged to their account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Roberts £114 12 0, for making Amunition Boxes, Nails, &ca., d'd to Mr. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Grubb £22 12 6, for Hire of a Boat and two men for the Ferry from Fort Island to Province Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John McGinley £90 3 0½, for Iron Work for Gun carriages delivered to Mr. George Ingels, Superintendent of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Hugh Hugh £31 10 0, for Halling Logs, &ca., employed by Mr. Geo. Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Hains & Twells £10 19 6, for Beer for Blacksmiths at Fort Island, to the 15th May last.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Dunlap £140 0 0, for 112 Reams of Cartridge Paper delivered to Mr. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 26th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

An order was dawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Peter Dehaven, Esqr., Superintendant of the Public Gun Lock Factory, for £800, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Pearson £95 0 6, for Iron Work for Gun Carriage Wheels.

At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 27th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers for two weeks' accounts, for men's Wages for working in Laboratory & making Cartridges, &ca., amounting to £123 17 1, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Honeycomb £87 6 0, for Hire of Cart and Dray, employed by Capt. Stiles and George Ingels.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Jacob S. Howell Fifty pounds, on acco't of his sevices as Sec'y to this Board, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Matthias Bush, for £281 14 10½, being the balance of his acco't for making knapsacks.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay John Beck £10 10 0, for 28 days' attendance as Waiter to 23 June Instant.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Godfrey Gabler £429 19 4, for Iron Work delivered to George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 28th, 1777

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, David Rittenhouse,
John Shee.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Fraily, for £12 0 0, for two pair of Carriage Wheels delivered to Mr. George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

Moses Young was directed to pay Leonard Kreimer £66 12, for 9 dozen Hose, @ 14s. 8d.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Yentzer £22 4, for 3 doz. Hose, @ 14s. 8d.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Henry Apt £32 12 6, for 29 Wheel Barrows, @ 22s. 6d., delivered at Billingsport.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Hill £14 0 0, for two pair of Wheels, delivered to George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philadelphia, June 30th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 1st, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Sellers £42 11 3, for Plank for Gun Carriages delivered to George Ingels.

Captain Joseph Stiles, Superintendant of Artillery Stores, was directed to deliver Captain John Nice one piece of Artillery on a Traveling Carriage, (four pounder,) with Rammers, Spunges, Worms, &ca., and fifty Round Shot & twenty-five Rounds of Grape Shot, for the Salt Works on Tom's River.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Michael Boyer £14 7 6, for damages he sustained by his Horse being employed to go to Bucks County after disaffected persons, to be charged to Congress; also £1 0 0, for going express to Billingsport for Coll. Bull.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., July 2nd., 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the Executor to the estate of Morgan Bustard £59 18 0, for 9 months Rent of the Brass Cannon Foundery & Loom, Isinglass & Bricks.

An order was sent down from the Supreme Executive Council, signed by his Excellency the President, in fav'r of Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esqr., for 1,600 Dollars, which the Secretary, by direction of the Board, delivered Mr. Nesbitt.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver Capt. John Nice, Commander of a detachment ordered to the Salt Works on Tom's River, 2,160 Musket Cartriges and 200 Flints.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James

Dundass, for £500, for the purpose of paying Tradesmen employed at Billingsport, to be chaged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Coll. John Bull, for 100 Dollars, being so much advanced by him for recruiting service for the Pennsylvania State Regiment while under his Command, to be charged to the Regiment.

Coll. Thomas Proctor was directed to discharge the men employed at the Left Flank of the Battery at Fort Island, and not to carry on any further works on the Island.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., July 3rd, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 4th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee.

Capt. Joseph Stiles, Superintendant of Artillery Stores, was directed to deliver to Coll. Flower or order, 4 Spunges & Rammers, & four Wad-hooks and Ladles, for six pounders, & four port fire Stocks, for Continental Service, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 5th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 7th, 1777.

Present:

John Shee.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 8th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Bullman £62 18, for 8½ doz. Hose @ 14s. 8d.

Moses Young was directed to purchase for the Use of Fort Island 8 lb. Lampblack and 5 oz. Prussian Blue.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Jacob Humphreys of the 6th Penn'a Regiment, for 500 Dollars for recruiting Service, to be charged to Lieut. Col. Henry Becker.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., July 9th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee.

An order was sent down from the Supreme Executive Council, sign'd by his Excellency, the Pesident, of this date, for Two Thousand Pounds, Payable to Mr. Nesbitt, Treasurer to this Board, drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq., State Treas'.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Peter Dehaven, Superintendant of the Public Gun Lock Factory, for £200, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Carter, for Five Hundred Pounds for the purpose of paying for repairing the Arms of this State, to be charged to his acc't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robt. Towers, Commissary of Stores, £137 18 9½, for his two last week's accounts for making Cartridges, Working in the Laboratory, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the Owners of the powder House for Storage of Powder belonging to this State, £15 15 0.

An Order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for £200, to be charg'd to his acco't.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 11th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 12th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Col. Francis Gurney, for 1,000 Dollars for recruiting Service of the 11th Pen'a Regiment, to be charged to Col. Humpton.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Peter Hay £1 10 0, for keeping two Horses 3 days.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 14th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Dean, John Shee.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 15th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Hercules Courtney £11 6 6, for Candles delivered for the use of the Artillery at Fort Island, in December & February last.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., July 16th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Capt. Joseph Stiles was directed to deliver to Capt. Watkins (for Continental Service) as many Tubes as can be spared, reserving a sufficient number in the Laboratory for the use of this State.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 17th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., for Five Hundred Pounds, in favour of Mr. James Dundass, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Major Saml. Benezet, for Five Hundred Dollars, for recruiting service of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charged to Lieut. Col. Henry Becker.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Matthew Maguire, Paymaster to the Pennsylvania Artillery, Four Thousand Five Hundred pounds, for payment of said Regiment, to be charged to his account.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

July 18th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Fergus Purdon, Steward of the Hospital at Province Island, £44 9 6, for his acco't for necessaries for the month of June.

George Heighberber, £76 11 2, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages.

Doctr. James Dunlap, £18 5 0, for sundry medicines purchased by him for the use of the Hospital on Province Island.

Moses Young was directed to pay the following acco'ts:

Robert Corry, £72 10 for 29 Pair Breeches, @ 50s.

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| Will'm McElhenny, ..... | £20 5 9, | for Taylor's Work. |
| Andrew Hertzog, ..... | £11 12 | for do. |
| Christian Knees, ..... | £12 14 2, | for do. |
| Chr. Hansman, ..... | £20 7 6, | for do. |
| Jacob Binder, ..... | £32 8 9, | for do. |
| Philip Knop, ..... | £53 19 9, | for do. |

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Michael Hoofnagle, for One Hundred Dollars, for recruiting Service of the Eigth Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charged to Coll. Daniel Broadhead.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for £100, to be charged to his Account.

At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., July 19th, 1777.

Present:

John Shee, Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieutenant Sam'l Williams, for fifty Dollars, for recruiting Service, to be charged to Col. Walter Stewart.

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At a Meeting of the Board of War,

Philada., July 21st, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lt. James Suter £12 0 0, for Expences of Capt. Nice's Company going to the Salt Works on Tom's River.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lewis Grant £167 11 6, for Copper Ladles for Guns, &ca., delivered to Capt. Stiles, Superintendant of Artillery Stores.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wolery Meng, £174 17 0, for Cartouch Boxes, Gunner's & Bombadier's Belts, for Col. Proctor's Regiment of Artillery.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Cochran £219 12 0 for 274½ y'ds of Swanskin, delivered to Sam'l Curry & Geo. Bickham, in Dec'r Last, for the purpose of making Cartridges for Artillery.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Edward Laskey & Co. £22 14 6, for Beef delivered at Fort Island in Septem'r, November & December last, for the Labourers employed at the Banks.

Agreeable to a request of the Continental Board of War to this Board, to order a guard to be fixed at Easton and on the River, directions were given to Rob't L. Hooper, jun'r, Esqr., to employ Col. Labar and 22 privates for that purpose, the Col. to be allowed Captain's pay and Rations, & the privates Continental pay & 10s. per week per man for their Subsistence.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., July 22nd, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers £101 16 3, for

his two last week's accounts for men's wages, making Cartridges, &ca., Including his Salary from the 19th June to 19 July.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Stiller £25 10 0, for his wages in overseeing the wheelwrights.

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At a Meeting of the Penna. Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 23rd, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Richard Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Stride £42 5 6, for painting Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Henry Miller £21 5 0, for Printing work, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. John Clemens a pay roll for himself, 3 serjeants, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer & 27 Privates of Northampton County Militia, Stationed as a Guard at Easton over the Continental Stores, the Ferry, &ca., from the 21st April to 20 June, Inclusive, amount'g to £139 5 0, and a pay roll from 21st June to 21st July, inclusive, amounting to £95 3 11, to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 24th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
John Shee.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Peter Dehaven, Superintendant of the public Lock Factory, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Carlisle & Volans £76 7 10, for Boards, & William Roberts £52 6 6, for making amunition Boxes, both Sums to be charged to Congress.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 25th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Owen Biddle.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Thomas Savadge, for Fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benjamin Davis £29 0 0, for Drums and Drumheads, Drumsticks, &ca., for the State Regt.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., July 26th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Owen Biddle.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Davison £77 8 9, for 207 Scabbards & 206 Bayonet Slings, delivered to John Tyler, Armorer, for the Use of the State Regim't, to be charged to the Regt.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Thomas Forrest, for £24 10 6, being Allowance for his Horse for 4½ months.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philada., July 28th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
John Shee, Owen Biddle.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. William Rush, for Thirty-five pounds, being the value of a Horse employed to go Express to General Washington, in which Journey the Horse had his Leg Broke and rendered unfit for further service, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Dundass, for Two Hundred pounds, for fatigue money for the Militia working at Billingsport, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robt. Towers £35 14 0, for his last week's account for workmen's wages.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of J. S. Howell, Sec'y, for £20, for the purpose of paying wounded Soldiers their Pensions, &ca., he to be accountable.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., July 29th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Owen Biddle, Joseph Dean.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt'n Daniel Joy, for One Hundred pounds, to be charged to his account.

Jacob S. Howell was directed to pay John Beck £11 5 0, for his attendance on the board from the 23rd June to 28 July, Inclusive, 30 days @ 7s. 6d.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, July 30th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
Owen Biddle, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Lynch £25 2 0, for Blocks for Grape Shott Delivered into the Laboratory.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Vandergrift, for £200, towards arms procured by him in Bucks County, by order of the late Assembly, to be charged to his account.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., July 31st, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean, John Shee.

Mr. Rob't Towers, or Mr. John Tyler, Armorer, was directed to deliver to the Navy Board four Stand of Ams, 3 Bayonet Belts, and 2 Cartouch Boxes.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. John Pugh, for Seventy pounds ten Shillings, being the Balance of his acco't for recruiting his Company.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Philip Worn £62 3 6, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages delivered to George Ingels, Superintendant of Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Evans £125 17 6, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages, &ca.

At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, August 1st, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Patterson £15 10 6, for Expences of himself & 10 men in pursuit of James Iliff, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Loughead £15 3 10, for 130 yards oznabrigs, delivered to Col. Proctor in March, 1776, to quilt grape shot.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver John Shee, Esqr., or order, 8 ℔ of small shot, he paying for the same.

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At a Meeting of the Penn'a Board of War,

Philadelphia, August 2nd, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, Joseph Dean,
Owen Biddle, David Rittenhouse,
John Shee.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Lieut. Col. Gurney, for 600 Dollars for recruiting Service of the 11th Penn'a Regiment, to be charged to Col. Rich'd Humpton.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Col. Isaac Melchor, Barrack Master Gen'l, for Two Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of James Dundas, for £500, for the purpose of paying the Militia fatigue money at Billingsport, to be charged to his acco't.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., August 4th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Read, Barrack M'r at Fort Island, £36 6 0, for Labourers' Wages at the Bank, &ca., for June, and £53 4 3, for ditto in July; also £75 6 0, for Labourer's Wages at the Batteries on Fort & Bush Island, including a month's wages to Mr. Marl, Superintendant for the month of June, and £24 12 0, for Ditto, the month of July.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Harris £7 0 0, for attendance on the Committee of Safety, to be charged to said Committee.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

8 Philada., August 5th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philada., August 6th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, Chairman, John Shee,
David Rittenhouse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctr. Dunlap £12 4 6, for Medicines for the Hospital at Province Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Britton £20 3 4, for 2,021 feet pine Boards delivered to Mr. Robt. Towers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Carter, for £500, for the purpose of paying for repairs of Arms belonging to this State, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Thomas Proctor, for 2,000 Dollars for recruiting service, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Robt. Towers was directed to deliver Hugh Howell 500 lbs of Sulphur, he paying for the same at the ate of £4 0 0 per Hundred wt.

Col. Melcher, Barrack Master, was directed to deliver to Col. Lewis Nicola, Town Major, Wood and Candles for a Room Extraordinary, from the 4th May last to this day.

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At a Meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of War,

Philadelphia, August 7th, 1777.

Present:

Richard Bache, John Shee.

The Following minutes of Council discharging the Board from any further Service, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes by the members present:

"In Council,

Philadelphia, August 6th, 1777.

The Council taking into consideration that there does not now remain any great necessity for continuing the Board of War, and that Strict attention ought to be given to the saving of the public money; Therefore,

Ordered, That the Thanks of the Council be given to the Gentlemen of the Board of War for their services to the State, and that they be discharged from further Service as a Board of War.

Extract from the Minutes.

TY. MATLACK, Sec'y."

# MINUTES

OF THE

# NAVY BOARD,

FROM

FEB. 18, 1777, TO SEPT. 24, 1777.

## WARRANT CREATING THE NAVY BOARD.

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In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia, February 13th, 1777.

Resolved, That Messrs. Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Emanuel Eyres, Paul Cox & Robert Ritchie, be appointed to Act as a Navy Board, and be authorized to take under their care all the Vessels of War, Armed Boats, Fire Ships, Fire Rafts, &ca., constructed for the defence of this City by Water, and to furnish them with everything necessary to attack or repel the Enemy: To provide and to have a general Superintendent of the Stores necessary for their department, to prepare and to keep in proper State of defence the Fortifications on Fort Island, to examine the River Channel, and to cause Chevaux de Frize to be sunk in such places as they may Judge proper to obstruct the passage of the enemies' Ships; And that for the above purposes they or any three of them have full power to act, and to draw Orders on the Treasurer of this Board, for such sums as may be necessary, subject always to the direction & Control of the Council.

Extract from the Minutes.

JACOB S. HOWELL, Sec'y.

A true Copy:
Cornel's Sweers, Sec'y N. B.

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In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia, Feb'y 19th, 1777.

Resolved, That Messrs. William Pollard, Samuel Massey, Thomas Barclay & William Bradford, be added to the Navy Board.

Extract from the Minutes.

JACOB S. HOWELL, Sec'y.

A true Copy:
Cornel's Sweers, Sec'y, N. B.

In Council of Safety,

Philadelphia, February 17th, 1777.

Resolved, That in consequence of advice from Thomas Savadge, at the Pennsylvania Salt Works in Tom's River,* of a design of the Enemy against those works, and of a Letter from Robert Morris, Esqr., one of the Committee of Congress recommending it to the attention of this Council, the Armed Boat called the Delaware, under the command of Richard Eyre, Esqr., be immediately fitted out and ordered to proceed with all expedition to the said Works, there to remain for the defence thereof until further Orders from this board.

Extract from the Minutes.

JACOB S. HOWELL, Sec'y.

A true Copy:

Cornel's Sweers, Sec'y, N. B.

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* TOM'S RIVER is in the eastern part of New Jersey, emptying into Barnegat Bay. Sloops can ascend it ten miles. Owing to the great scarcity of salt in the Province, the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, June 24, 1776, appointed a committee to contract with Mr. Thomas Savage to carry on the manufacture thereof, and shortly after appropriated £400 towards the erection of the necessary works. They were in operation as belonging to the State until the death of Mr. Savage in October, 1779, when they were sold in December following to John Thompson, of Burlington county, New Jersey, for the sum of £15,000.

# MEMBERS OF THE NAVY BOARD.

ANDREW CALDWELL was a native of Ireland. A member of the firm of William and Andrew Caldwell, merchants of Philadelphia, he signed the non-importation resolutions of 1765. In August, 1775, he was elected a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for that city, and in the spring of 1776, was appointed Commodore of the Provincial Fleet, which he commanded in the fight with the British frigates Roebuck and Liverpool, at the Chevaux de Frize, on the 6th of May following. The imperfect character of the supplies furnished the young navy saved the enemy's vessels, much to the chagrin of the officers of the fleet, who laid all the censure at the door of the Committee of Safety. Shortly after this affair, Commodore Caldwell resigned the chief command on account of ill-health. In December the Assembly appointed him on the Council of Safety, and in February following, upon the organization of the Navy Board, he was properly selected a member. He was one of the wardens of the port of Philadelphia from 1778 to 1782. In 1781 he was chosen one of the first directors of the Bank of North America. The expulsion of the tories and opposition to the restoration of forfeited estates, which agitated the Whigs in 1782, found in Mr. Caldwell a warm advocate. Until his death, which occurred towards the close of the century, he took a lively interest in public affairs.

JOSEPH BLEWER, a captain in the merchant service, was born in Pennsylvania the year 1734, of English parentage. He was one of the original members of the Society of the Sons of St. George, Philadelphia, 1772. In August, 1775, he was elected a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for Southwark. He was a delegate to the Carpenter's Hall Provincial Conference, held in June, 1776; member of the Council of Safety, July 23, 1776, and member of the Navy Board, 1777. During September, of the latter year, he served on the committee appointed to arrest disaffected Quakers and tories. He received the appointment of a warden of the port of Philadelphia, October 31, 1781, and was an energetic citizen. Capt. Blewer died August 7, 1789, and is buried in the Swedes-

church yard, near the main wall of the church facing west. His wife Sarah, (born 1737, died May 4, 1801,) lies by his side

JOSEPH MARSH, a native of Philadelphia, was a ship carpenter of Southwark, of the firm of Marsh & Beasly, at 241 Swanson street, in 1791. In July, 1775, the committee for the Defence of the River Delaware, employed him to build gondolas. The flotilla gun-boat "Warren" was built by him. He was a member of the Navy Board, 1777, and Colonel of the Second Battalion of Militia, (artillery,) Philadelphia, in 1780. In 1781 he was directed by President Reed to prepare for a threatened attack from the enemy, but the surrender of Cornwallis changed the aspect of affairs, and the valiant Colonel was ordered to repair the flag-staff on Market street wharf, preparatory to the salvos from his command on that glorious victory.

EMANUEL EYRE, or as it is more frequently written and printed, Manuel Eyre, was a noted ship-builder of Kensington, and a native of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for the district. The gun-boats "Bull-dog," "Franklin" and "Congress," were built by him. He served on the Navy Board in 1777, and was a signer of the memorial to the Assembly, urging the calling of a Convention. He was a justice of the peace for the Northern Liberties, county of Philadelphia, until his election to the Assembly in 1784. He served a number of years in that legislative body. He died in the beginning of the century. His brothers, Benjamin G. and John, noted shipwrights, were active partisans of the Revolution. The latter held the rank of Colonel in the service. Manuel Eyre, a son, was on the Committee of Defence, of Philadelphia in 1814-15.

PAUL COX, a merchant and native of Philadelphia, appointed to the State Navy Board February, 1777. He was among the number of that body who refused to take the oath of allegiance under the Constitution of 1776, and signed the memorial for a new State Constitutional Convention. He served as Captain in the army. In 1791 he resided at 88 South Front street, Philadelphia.

ROBERT RITCHIE was, probably, of Scotch birth, but came to Philadelphia in very early life. In 1760 he was an officer of St. Andrew's Society of that city, and a member of the State Navy Board at its organization.

WILLIAM POLLARD, a merchant of Philadelphia, was born in that city. He was a member of the Navy Board in 1777,

and a sterling patriot throughout the Revolution. In 1786 he held the office of justice of the peace. A zealous member of Christ church, he was one of its wardens in 1783, and again in 1784.

SAMUEL MASSEY, a native of Philadelphia, was a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation, for the city, November, 1774, and re-elected August 16, 1775. He was appointed by the Council on the State Navy Board of 1777. In the Philadelphia directory of 1791, he is set down as "gentleman, 161 Vine street."

THOMAS BARCLAY, a native of Ireland, was a prominent merchant of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, appointed by the meeting of the citizens of that city, at the City Tavern, May 20, 1774, to address the people of Boston in relation to the Port Bill. The day following he appended his name to that patriotic document. June 18, 1774, he was appointed a member of the Committee of Correspondence at Philosophical Hall, to induce a meeting of a Congress of the Colonies. In November of the same year, he was elected by the citizens of Philadelphia a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for that city, and at the election in 1775 again chosen. In February, 1777, he was a member of the Navy Board, and was quite active in the endeavors made during that year to call a new Constitutional Convention, owing to the many objectionable features of that of 1776. He was a subscriber, to the extent of £5,000, to establish the first Bank of Pennsylvania. After the formation of the Federal government, he received the appointment of Consul to the Barbary powers, but died at Lisbon, Portugal, on his way to the north of Africa.

WILLIAM BRADFORD, (grandson of the celebrated printer of Philadelphia, the first William Bradford,) was born in New York in 1719. He learned the art of printing with his uncle, Andrew Bradford. In 1742, after a visit to England, he established a printing office in Philadelphia, and commenced the publication of the "Pennsylvania Journal," which was continued to be published for nearly sixty years by him and his successors. During the French and Indian war he served as captain in a company of Provincials. In 1765 he was bitterly hostile to the British Stamp Act, and in the early stage of the struggle for Independence, took up arms in its defence, serving as major at Trenton and Princeton, at the latter being wounded. He

was promoted to a colonelcy, and in the affair at Fort Mifflin bore an active part. As a member of the Navy Board he was faithful; and when the British occupied Philadelphia, he superintended the removing of the stores. Upon the evacuation of that city by the enemy, Col. Bradford returned and reopened his printing office. His shattered health, with the loss of his wife, rendered him unfit for business. He consoled himself with the patriotic reflection, that he had done all in his power to secure freedom for his country. He died September 25, 1791, at the age of seventy-two. His wife, Rachel, was a daughter of Thomas Budd, the author of "Good Order established in Pennsylvania and New Jersey," printed in 1685. They left six children—three sons and three daughters. William Badford, one of the sons, was Attorney General of the United States under Washington.

# MINUTES OF THE NAVY BOARD.

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Philad'a Navy Board,
Feb'y 18th, 1777.

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Joseph Marsh, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Eml. Eyre, |
| Paul Cox, | Rob't Ritchie. |

In pursuance of a Resolve of the Council of Safety, you are immediately to fit out and Man the Armed Boat, called the Delaware, with all despatch for Sea, and when ready shall receive further Orders from this Board.

To Commodore Seymore.

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Philad'a Navy Board,
Feb'y 19th, 1777.

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Joseph Marsh, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Emanuel Eyre, |
| Paul Cox, | Rob't Ritchie. |

Arthur Donaldson ordered to furnish Capt. Simmons with Timber & Plank necessary for finishing the Arnold Battery.

John Mitchell Ordered to deliver to Capt. Roch, of the Delaware Galley, Twenty-four Barrels Bread, with one Week's allowance of Fresh Meat, and six week's allowance of Rum, Vegetables, &ca., for the use of the Crew of the Delaware Galley and Capt. Lawrence's Boat; also, a Second Order for two bbls. Flour.

Examined and passed Captain Isaac Roch's Indent of Stores, and given an Order on Capt. Richards for the several Articles therein contained. (Vide Book B, page 9.)

Examined and passed, also, Capt. Isaac Roch's Indent of Gunner's Stores, and given him an Order on Robert Towers, Esqr., for the several Articles therein contained.

Philad'a Navy Board,

Feb'y 20th, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Rob't Ritchie, Sam'l Massey,
William Bradford.

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer be desired to furnish this Board with a list of all the Stores he can get information of, belonging to the Council of Safety, and to make reports thereof as soon as possible.

Philip Wert is ordered to proceed in the Lydia Schooner, for 100 barrels Beef, in the hands of Benja. Hogeland, or to Col. Sam'l Patterson.

Received of Thos. Nevell a list of Sundry Plank, Scantling and Boards, in the hands of James Worrell, Benja. Loxley, Wm. Evans, Thos. Nevell & David Pancust, at the Corner of Chestnut & 5th Streets.

An Order given to Thomas Nevell for a farther quantity of Plank, to be purchased by him.

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Philad'a Navy Board,

Feb'y 21st, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., Paul Cox,
Sam'l Massey, Manuel Eyre,
Rob't Ritchie, Joseph Marsh,
Will'm Bradford, Joseph Blewer.

Joseph Rhoads directed to go down the River and examine into the State of the Chevaux de Frizes building at Billings Port, &ca., on the Jersey Shore, and make a report to this Board.

In consequence of a Resolve of the Council of Safety, 17th October last, for contracting for twelve Boats to guard the Fire Rafts, Manuel Eyre and Joseph Marsh are appointed to get finished such as are building, and to Contract for the rest.

Navy Board,

Feb'y 22d, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
William Bradford, Joseph Marsh,
Sam'l Massey, Robt. Ritchie,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox.

On motion, that some alteration should be made in the construction of the guard Boats:

Resolved, That Manuel Eyre & Joseph Marsh be appointed to construct and give all necessary directions in regard to the building of said Boats.

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Navy Board,

Feby 24th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Sam'l Massey,
Manuel Eyre.

Pursuant to a request of this Board, Capt. William Richards, (Commissary of Naval Stores for this State,) furnish'd an Inventory of all the Stores under his care.

A Petition from Ralph Ellison, a soldier belonging to the Warren Galley, Thos. Huston, M'r, to the Council of Safety, and by them refer'd to this Board:

Resolved, That Capt. Thos. Huston be immediately sent for.

Joseph Rhoads made a Return of the situation of the Chevaux de Frizes, at Billings-Port. As also the number finish'd & unfinish'd, together with the number Logs there lying.

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Navy Board,

Feb'y 25th, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., William Bradford,
Sam'l Massey, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Rob't Ritchie.

Captain Huston appeared and exhibited his account with Ralph Elleson, and the balance due to him was 15s., which the s'd Huston engaged to pay, and the s'd Elleson was sent to the Hospital by an order from the Council of Safety.

Whereas, The Board thought it necessary to employ a Clerk; It was thereupon

Resolved, That Corn's Sweers should act in that Capacity, paying him 7s. 6d. for each day's attention.

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Navy Board,

Feb'y 26th, 1777.

Present:

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Joseph Blewer, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Paul Cox, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Joseph Marsh. |

William Russell, Surgeon's Mate of the Montgomery, committed to Goal, by order of the Council of Safety, for leaving the service without a discharge and engaging in the Continental.

John Mitchell requested, by Letter, to receive from Captain Roach, of the Delaware Schooner, the Fresh Meat on board, as he is necessarily detained, and to supply him with the same weight when the Delaware is ready to depart.

Ordered, That Sam'l Massey & Paul Cox make enquiry for all Cannon belonging to this State, and to call on Pancust for that purpose, and particularly for 2 pair Short 4 pounders.

Ordered, That the following Letter be sent to Commodore Seymore:

Sir:—It is the opinion of this Board that there is a great deal of negligence and inattention prevails in the Fleet.

It is, therefore, the desire of this Board that you will issue immediately, positive and express Orders in writing, to the Several Commanders of the Galleys, that they order the Men belonging to each of them to be mustered on board Morning and Evening, and to be exercised every day without other business calls them away. That the utmost deligence should be used in recruiting by the Drum, &ca., of each Galley, going about the city daily for that purpose, until their number is compleat. And, also, that the Commanders of the Galleys in the Carpenter's hands, should have express orders from you to send an Officer on board each of them with as many men as can be usefully employ'd in assisting the Carpenter. This Board farther expects that the Commanders of each Gondalo will keep up such good Order and command on board their vessels, that at all times their men shall be ready and willing

to do every kind of reasonable duty that shall be required of them with chearfullness and alacrity.

It's also the desire of this Board that all the Gondalo's Ordered down to the Fort, except those in the Carpenter's hands, shall carry all their sick with them that are in good condition to be removed. Every Commander, nevertheless, leaving a proper Officer in the City with a Drum, &ca., for the purpose of recruiting, which must be possitively attended with the greatest deligence.

To Commander Seymore.

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"In Council of Safety,
Philada., February 25th, 1777.

Resolved, That every person, Seamen or Soldier in the Service of this State, who by sickness or otherwise shall be rendered unfit to do his duty, shall be sent to the nearest Hospital to be taken care of, and if his case shall, by the Director or Physician thereof, be thought incurable, he shall certifie the same to the Navy Board, or to this or the Executive Council of this State, who will order proper provision to be made for him as soon as may be.

Extract from the Minutes.

JACOB S. HOWELL, Sec'y.

A true Copy,
Cornel's Sweers, Sec'y N. B."

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Navy Board,
Feb'y 27th, 1777.

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Joseph Marsh, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Paul Cox, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Joseph Blewer, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Robert Ritchie. |

Captain Richards ordered to deliver the following Rigging to Capt. John Rice, of the Schooner Convention. Vide Book B, page 5.

Delivered to John Webb, of the Experiment, Fifteen Blankets, out of the Council of Safety's Store, and said Webb acknowledges to have only 5 Blankets on board his Gondalo, per his Receipt:

Delivered to John McFetrich, of the Washington, Thirteen Blankets, out of the Council of Safety's Store, and said Mc-

Fetrich acknowledges to have only 5 Blankets on board his Gondalo, per his Receipt:

Ordered, Doctor Dunlap to put up a Box of Medicines for the Delaware Schooner.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain Hazlewood:

Sir:—This Board desires you will engage two or more Smiths, to make Grapling & Chains for 4 Fire Ships, and also to bespeak Troughs of Bedford for those Ships. You'll likewise look out for such Vessels as will be suitable for the purpose, and report to this Board where they lay, that they may be viewed and purchased. As the season of the year is so far advanced, beg that all possible dispatch may be used in procuring these articles.

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Navy Board,

28th Feb'y, 1777.

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Joseph Blewer, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Paul Cox, | Joseph Marsh. |

The following Resolve of the Council of Safety was handed to this Board, and sent to Mr. Nesbitt:

"Resolved, That the Navy Board be empowered to draw on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer to this Board, for such sums of Money as may be wanting for that department."

Tittermary (Rope maker) is engaged to make all the Rope he can for this Board, and deliver rigging as fast as possible, until he is told to stop.

Passed Elijah Dow's account for the Chatham Gondalo on the Treasurer, £29 10 2½. This acco't returned, and an order given on William Webb for this sum, 3d March, 1777.

The Ships Sam and King George being advertised for sale this evening at the London Coffee House, they are, in the opinion of this Board, proper vessels for Fire Ships; therefore,

Resolved, That Paul Cox shall bid for both these Ships, and purchase them for that use.

Ordered, Capt. Richards to supply Wm. Brown, Commander of the Putnam Battery, with a Cable and Anchor, and sundry small articles.

Resolved, That all Galleys, Gondalos, Batteries & Boats of every sort, shall be painted Black and Yellow, and no other Colours allowed.

Navy Board,

March 1st, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., Josep Blewer,
Wm. Bradford, Rob't Ritchie,
Sam'l Massey, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh.

In consequence of the Resolve of yesterday concerning the purchase of Fire ships, The prize Ship King George was only put up for sale, and she was bought by Paul Cox for Eleven Hundred and Five pounds.

Richard Wells, Junr., presented a petition to the Council of Safety to be continued in his Boat for the purpose of Victualing the Fleet.

Resolved, That the said Wells be continued to ply to Fort Island with provisions daily, together with two other Men in said Boat, and to be allowed Twenty-five shillings per day for himself, Boat and hands.

Delivered to Hugh Montgomery, of the Effingham, twelve Blankets out of the Council of Safety's Store, for which he has given a receipt, together with six Blankets and Three Rugs formerly received.

Resolved, That the Masters of all Shallops belonging to this State, under the direction of this Board, be allowed Seven pounds Ten Shillings per Month, to commence from next pay day, and the Mate of the Sally be allowed Five pounds per Month.

William Richards Ordered to deliver to John Annis 5 pieces Russia Sail Cloth for a Mainsail for Sloop Industry, Townsend. Master.

Delivered to Capt. John Hazlewood, an order from the Council of Safety, on Dr. Wm. Smith for 50 ℔ Salt Petre.

And also, an order from this Board on Robert Towers for 100 ℔ Meal, & 12 ℔ Corn Powder, and 50 Grenade Shells.

And an order on William Richards for 60 ℔s Sulphur, and 20 ℔ Tallow.

Capt. Richards having sent into this Board a list of Stores wanted for supplying the Fleet:

It is agreed, That Saml. Massey & Paul Cox be appointed to purchase and procure such articles as may be necessary for the outfit and supply of the Fleet, and send them to said Richards' Store.

Resolved, That Joseph Marsh and Manuel Eyre be and are

impower'd to draw orders on of the Lumber yard, for such stuff as they may want from time to time, and also on Capt. Richards for such supplys as they may want from his Store, being for the use of Vessels repairing, &ca., under their direction.

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Navy Board,
March 3rd, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., Will'm Bradford,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Robert Ritchie,
Paul Cox, Sam'l Massey.

Robert Towers directed to deliver to Capt. Roach, of the Delaware Galley, Sundry Grape Shot. Vide Book B, page 9.

The following order was drawn this day on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer:

"Please to pay to Wm. Webb Two Thousand pounds, and place it to acco't of this Board.

Signed. WM. BRADFORD, C. M."

Griffith Jones being well recommended to this Board, he is appointed to the Command of the Fire Ship Strumbello.

An order drawn on William Webb, in favor of Elijah Dow, for his account of Iron Work against the Chatham Gondalo for £29 10 2½.

"In Council of Safety,
Philada., March 3d, 1777.

Resolved, That the Navy Board be empowered to take the Province Sloop into their possession immediately, to be employed for such purposes as they may think proper.

By order of the Council.

THO. WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

A true Copy:

Cornel's Sweers, Sec'y N. B."

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Navy Board,
March 4th, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., Rob't Ritchie,
Joseph Marsh, Wm. Bradford,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Massey, Paul Cox.

William Richards ordered to deliver Capt. Wm. Brown 600 wt. Junk, for the use of the Putnam Battery.

Resolved, That John Hazlewood, Esqr., be directed to give immediate and Express orders, in writing, to the Commanders of the Fire Ships, Armed Boats and Fire Rafts, that they order the Men under their Command to be mustered every morning and Evening, in order to attend to their duty; and that no Officer or Man absent himself without the special leave of the said John Hazlewood, Esqr.

An order on William Webb, in favor Abr'm Hazleberg, for sundry Ship Chandl'ry bo't by Wm. Richards for £77 6.

An order on William Richards to John Christie, for the Vesuvius Fire Brig, Ten fathom 5½ Inch Rope.

Delivered to Capt. James Blair of the Burke, out of the Council of Safety's Store, Ten Blankets, he having given a receipt for these, and five received formerly.

William Richards ordered to deliver to Capt. Townsend, of the Sloop Industry, the Sundry Articles contained in her Indent.

The following Letter was wrote to William Richards:

Sir:—It will be proper you furnish this Board with your accounts of goods purchased since the last Settlement. And that the signals remain under your direction, but that you will furnish this Board with an account of the Stations, list of Men's Names, Wages, and order of Signals; and as the wages become due you shall have an Order monthly.

An order on William Webb, in favor Peter Knight, for 2 p'r 4 pounders for the Schooner Delaware, for £91 5 2.

This day apointed Mr. John Smith to take the management and direction of building, finishing and launching the Chevaux de Frizes, and gave him instuctions to purchase 30 M feet of 2 Inch Pine Plank, with a Letter to Captain Jonathan Williams of the Jerseys.

Joseph Wade is appointed to the Command of the Province Sloop, at £7 10 per month, with two Rations.

Samuel Massey & Paul Cox are appointed to examine Capt. Richards' Accounts since 3d February last, and asscertain the Goods in his Store belonging to this State.

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Navy Board,
March 5th, 1777.

Present:

Andrew Caldwell, C. M., Sam'l Massey,
William Bradford, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manu'l Eyre,
Rob't. Ritchie.

Delivered to Alexander Henderson, of the Dickinson Gondalo, Fifteen Blankets out of the Council of Safety's Store, and took his receipt for these & Seven formerly received.

An order on Wm. Webb, in fav'r George Goodwin, for Sundries bo't of him and sent to Wm. Richards' Store, £71 1 6.

(Signed,) W. BRADFORD.

Sam'l Massey is appointed to bid for and purchase the Brig Rebecca & her Cargo; and also the Ship Sam, which are advertised to be sold to-morrow evening at the Coffee House.

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Navy Board,

March 6th 1777.

Present:

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Joseph Marsh, |
| Wm. Bradford, | Joseph Blewer, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Paul Cox, | Rob't Ritchie, |

Philip Buck, First Lieutenant of the Congress Gondalo, presented a petition for leave to resign, which, being duly considered, the Prayer of his Petition could not, in the opinion of this Board, be granted.

An order on William Webb, in favour John Flintham, for 20. Mast Hoops for the Schooner Delaware, £2 0 0.

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Navy Board,

March 7th, 1777.

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| Andrew Caldwell, C. M., | Joseph Blewer, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Sam'l Massey, |
| Paul Cox, | Joseph Marsh. |

Samuel Massey reports that he has purchased the Brig Rebecca and her Cargo for Seventeen Hundred and fifty pounds.

An order on William Webb to Sam'l Massey, for 45 Hickory Brooms sent to the Provincial Store, for £2.

Sam'l Massey & Paul Cox reports that they have been at Capt. Richard's Store, and that his Clerk informs them that all goods purchased since 23d February last, are not included in the Inventory Capt. Richards d'ld to this Board.

Letter to John Hazlewood, Esq., directing him to send a proper person to take possession of the Brig Rebecca.

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| An order on Wm. Webb to | | Peter Knell, for Nails,.. | £51 | 7 | 6 |
| ditto | ditto | Wm. Jackson, for Sund's, ..... | 1 | 13 | |
| ditto | ditto | Estate John Englis, ... | 180 | 9 | 7 |
| ditto | ditto | Wm. Richards, for the expense of Signals,.. | 191 | 10 | |
| ditto | ditto | Edward Pole, for lines for Schooner Delaware, ..... | 2 | 15 | 6 |
| ditto | ditto | John Hazlewood, Esq., | 200 | | |
| ditto | ditto | Wm. Tharp, ..... | 12 | 15 | |

An order on Robert Towers, Esqr., to Edward Pole, for One Hundred and fifty Nine pounds Pigg Lead.

Joseph Marsh appointed to purchase a Sloop of Virt, for the purpose of carrying Stone, Ballast, &ca.

An order on William Webb to Philip Virt, for the Cost of a Sloop Mr. Marsh bo't of him for One hundred & forty-five pounds, £145.

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Navy Board,

March 8th, 1777.

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| And'w Caldwell,C. M., | Joseph Blewer, |
| Joseph Marsh, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Wm. Bradford, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Paul Cox, | Sam'l Massey. |

Joseph Marsh has delivered in the Bill of Sale, for the Sloop he purchased yesterday, called the Liberty, and George Virt is appointed to the Command of her.

William Russell, Surgeon's Mate on board the Montgomery, is this day discharged from the Service by the Council of Safety.

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| An order on Wm. Webb, to | | Jno. Bonnet, for wood | £3 | 7 | 6 |
| ditto | ditto | Wm. Richards, for sundries, - - - - - - - - | 78 | 10 | 9 |
| ditto | ditto | Jacob Myers, (Smith,) - | 23 | 8 | 0 |
| ditto | ditto | Joh. Wharton, for supplies to different vessels - - - - - -- | 24 | 11 | 6 |

A petition from John Dean, dated 3d Inst., prayin' the Council of Safety to take his Case under consideration, and referred to this Board. This Board, this day, ordered Mr. John Dean to attend with his Witnesses, who appeared and entered fully into the merits of the Case, and are of the opinion that the charges alledged against said Dean, in the proceedings of a

Court Martial held at the Barracks, the 26th ulto., signed by Commodore Thomas Seymour, doth appear to this Board to be too justly grounded, and we do hereby confirm the same.

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Navy Board,
March 10th, 1777.

Present:

Tho's Barclay, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Rob't Ritchie,
Will'm Bradford, Sam'l Massey,
Joseph Marsh.

An order on William Webb to Wm. Davis, for Sundries, sent to William Richard's Store, £106 0 3½.

An order on William Webb to Wm. Davis, for Sundries sent to Sam'l Rhoades, Jr., £9 15 0.

Captain Richards ordered to deliver a bbl. Tar, by the Council of Safety, & rec'd the money for it, £0 15.

Sam'l Massey and Paul Cox reports that there is 47 Barrels of Pork, and 5 Barrells of Beef, in the Store rented of John Nixon, on his Wharf.

Wm. Pritchard ordered to deliver Capt. Roach, of the Delaware Galley, 5 Barrels of Pork.

Edmund Nehill is appointed Clerk to John Hazlewood, Esqr., for taking care of the Stores belonging to that department, under the diection of said Hazlewood; his wages to be fixed after trial of said Nehill.

Capt. Will'm Richards ordered to supply John Christie, Commander of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, with the several Articles contained in his Indent.

Agreed with Jonathan Williams in Gloucester County, near the head of Timber Creek, for 30,000 feet of 2 Inch Pine Plank at Nine pounds per Thousand, to be delivered as speedily as possible at Billings Port, Gloucester or Philada., as he shall be directed by this Board.

Joseph Marsh is directed to rent the Wharf and Stores belonging to John Jones, for six Months for Fifty pounds.

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Navy Board,
March 11th, 1777.

Present:

Thos. Barclay, C. M., Rob't Ritchie,
Wm. Bradford, Sam'l Massey,
Paul Cox, Josep Marsh,
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on Wm. Webb, to Commodore Seymore, for £350.

It is determined that James McKnight be appointed 1st Lieutenant of the Fire Ship Strumbello.

An order on Wm. Richards, to William Brown, (Carpenter,) for the Use of the Gondalo Bull-dog. Vide Book B. Page 61.

Captain John Brice, of the Fire Sloop, to be removed to the Command of the Fire Brig Vulcano.

An order on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., to Wm. Webb, for Two Thousand five Hundred pounds, (£2,500.)

An order on William Richards to Capt. Rice, for Sundries for the use of the Galley Convention, to pay her Bottom. Vide Book B, P. 5.

An Order on William Richards, for four Oars for the yawl kept by Tho's Marl, for taking care of the chain.

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Navy Board,

March 12th, 1777.

Present:

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| Tho's Barclay, C. M., | Joseph Marsh, |
| Paul Cox, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Joseph Blewer, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Robt. Ritchie, |

And'w Caldwell.

An Order on William Richards to Captain Townshend, for Sundries for the Use of the Sloop Industry. Vide Book B, Page 99.

An order on William Richards to Gunning Bedford, (Carpenter,) for 100 lbs Nails for the Use of the Fire Vessells.

An order on William Richards to Capt. Griffith Jones, for Sundries for the use of the Fire Brig Strumbello. V. Book B. P. 103.

Orders on Wm. Richards to John Hazlewood, Esqr., vizt:

For Sloop Hetty, Henry Hoover, Comm'r. Vide Book B, Page 93.

For Sloop Defiance, Fred'k Bird, Comm'r. Vide B'k B, Page 91.

For Sloop Liberty, Geo. Vert, Comm'r. Vide Book B, Page 107.

Drew an Order on William Webb, fav'r Jacob Morgan, for £28 3 9, being the amo't of 1 Trs. Oyl, 74 Gallons.

State Navy Board,

March 13th, 1777.

Present:

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| Thos Barclay, C. M., | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Will'm Bradford, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Joseph Marsh, | Paul Cox. |

Gave an order on William Webb, favor Boyer Brooks, being Paym't for 25 Galley Sweeps & 39 Boat Oars, delivered Capt. Richards, £38 11 7.

Gave an Order on William Webb, favor Edw'd Pole, for Casting 20 Hand Leads, sent to Capt. Richards' Store, £3 0 9.

Delivered four Blankets to Capt. John Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, out of the Council's Store.

An Order on William Richards, to Capt. John M'Fetrich, of the Washington Gondalo, for 56 yards of Bed Sacking, to compleat 14 Beds for 28 Men.

Agreed with Arthur Donaldson to Superintend the Sinking of the Chevaux de Frizes. The Terms as follows:

He is to have the liberty of employing 12 Men to attend constantly; to call on the Commodore for as many more Hands as will be found useful; Mr. Donaldson to draw on The Commissary for as much provision and Rum as he finds absolutely necessary. His charge for some Liquor, and extra provisions for himself, to be left to this Board; to be paid Twenty-five shillings per day, for every day that he is actually employed; and to be entirely under the controul of This Board.

An Order on Wm. Webb to Benja. Crofts, for the Balance of his Bill for painting the Schooner Delaware, £19 15 3.

An Order on Wm. Webb to David Solomans, for 20 Barrels Tar delivered William Richards, £18.

Resolved, That a Copy of the resolution of the 1st Inst., as far as it relates to the appointment of Sam'l Massey and Paul Cox, for the purchase of such Articles as may be necessary for the outfit and supply of the Fleet, be sent to Captain Richards, and that He, when an appearance of a deficiency of any necessary article is likely to happen, be desired to inform this Board thereof, that the proper steps for a supply may be taken.

An order to John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, to deliver to Capt. Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, as many of the two Inch Plank belonging to this State, which are now at Fort Island, as will compleat the Fore Castle and Gang Way of said Battery.

This day the Supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania, appointed Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre, Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox, Samuel Massey, William Bradford, Thomas FitzSimmons,* Samuel Morris; Junr.,** & Thomas Barclay, Esqrs., as Navy Board for this State, and is as follows, Vizt:

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*THOMAS FITZSIMMONS, a native of Ireland, and a Roman Catholic, was born in the year 1741. He was an eminent merchant of Philadelphia, and warmly espousing the cause of America, he raised a volunteer company doing active service in the Revolution. He was a member of the Committee of Safety and of the Navy Board of Pennsylvania. In 1780, the firm of which he was a member, subscribed £5,000 to supply the army. In Oct., 1783, he was elected, in conjunction with Col. Samuel Miles, Censor, under the Constitution of 1776, whose duty it was to inquire into the workings of that instrument. He represented Philadelphia in the Assembly for several years, and in the Continental Congress in 1782–3. He was a delegate to the Convention which framed the Federal Constitution in 1787, taking a prominent part in the debates thereof, and a member of Congress from 1789 to 1795. He was president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and of the N. A. Ins. Co. He married a sister of George Meade. He died in Philadelphia August, 1811, aged seventy years—deeply lamented.

**SAMUEL MORRIS, jr., was born in Philadelphia, June 24, 1734, the son of Anthony and Sarah Powell Morris. He was the nephew of Samuel Morris, Sr., and cousin of Samuel Cadwallader Morris, who were at this time members of the Board of War. Prior to the Revolution he served repeatedly in the legislative department of the Province and city. When the War broke out, the "First Troop of Philadelphia City Cavalry," Samuel Morris, Captain, offered its services to the Government, serving through the campaign of 1776–7, taking an active part in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. In the latter engagement his brother Anthony, who was ensign of the Troop was killed. In discharging the company in January, 1777, at Morristown, General Washington expressed himself in warmest terms for their "noble example of discipline and subordination," as also for their "spirit and bravery which will ever do honor to them." The city Troop were frequently in service during the struggle for independence. It was composed of the flower of the City, gentlemen of fortune, many of them members of the "Gloucester Fox Hunting Club" and other kindred organizations. Captain Morris was elected "Governor of the State in Schuylkill," a celebrated Fishing Club founded in 1732, which position he held until his death. He was a man respected and endeared by his associates, "for the cheerfulness of his disposition, the benevolence of his heart, and the blandness and dignity of his manner." He received the appointment of member of the Navy Board while in service, which will account for his continued absence. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly 1781–3. After the Revolution he entered into active business, firm of Meicker & Morris, Sugar refiners. Although disowned by the Society of Friends for his part in the Revolution, he continued, during life, their dress and language, worshipping regularly at their meeting. He died July 7, 1812.

"The Supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania:

To Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre, Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox, Samuel Massey, William Bradford, Thomas FitzSimmons, Samuel Morris, Junr., and Thomas Barclay, Esquires, send Greeting:

Whereas, The Civil department of the Common Wealth requires great attention, and will for some time fully employ this Council to discharge the duties thereof; and as it is also of great importance that a due attention be still paid to the War which we are engaged in, And confiding in your Abilities and integrity, We do appoint you a NAVY BOARD, hereby giving to you, or any Three of you, full power and authority to do and perform all matters and things relating to the Navy of this State; Subject, nevertheless, to the directions and examination of this Council, from time to time, as We may judge expedient, and saving to ourselves, always, the power of apointing Officers agreeable to the Frame of Government of this Common Wealth. This Commision to continue in force until revok'd by this or a future Supreme Executive Council.

Dated at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

(Signed. THO. WHARTON, Junr., Pres't.

Attest:

TY. MATLACK, Sec'y."

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State Navy Board,

March 14th, 1777.

Present:

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| Thomas Barclay, C. M., | Paul Cox, |
| William Bradford, | Joseph Marsh, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| And'w Caldwell, | Thos. Fitz Simmons, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Sam'l Massey. |

An Order on William Richards to supply Capt. Garland, of the Chatham Gondalo, with Sundry Articles contained in his Indent.

An order on William Webb, fav'r Maurice Rogers, for 6 p's Linen sent to Will'm Richard's Store, £106 8 3.

Captain Hazlewood receiv'd Fifty Blankets out of the Coun-

cil of Safety's Store, for the Use of the Arm'd Boats, for which he has given his receipt.

Resolved, That William Richards and Rob't Towers be requested to take Lists of all the Articles deliver'd to any person whatsoever by order of this Board, and return them to the Board, with Receipts from the persons to whom the Articles are delivered.

A Letter from Ludwick Sprogell, Commissary General of the Musters, being taken into consideration,

Resolved, That it is the duty of the said Commissary General of the Musters to attend to the several Vessells of War belonging to this State, and to Muster the Men in the nearest convenient place to the Vessells, unless the Men should be in Barracks, in which case the Commissary is to attend at those places where the Men are quartered. That the Commissary should not pass any person whatever as an officer, until a Commission or Warrant, or a Certificate of his appointment is produced to the Commissary.

That no person whatever, in the Naval Service of this State, shall, on any account, be discharged from the service of the Publick, without an order from this Board.

That proper steps will be taken to compleat the Boys in their duty as Drummers and Fifers.

Resolved, That Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre, Joseph Blewer, Wm. Bradford, with Commodore Seymore and John Hazlewood, be appointed to go down the River on Sunday next, to fix on proper Stations for the Fire Rafts and Vessells, and report their opinion to this Board.

Mr. Hubley, from the Supreme Executive Council, having tendered to the Members of this Board the Oath or affirmation of allegiance, prescribed by the 40th Section of the Frame of Goverment form'd by the late Convention of this State, it was agreed to take the sense of the members on that subject, and, the question being put, there appeared—

| For taking the Oath. | Again t it. |
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| Joseph Blewer. | And'w Caldwell, Joseph Marsh, |
| | Sam'l Massey, Paul Cox, |
| | Wm. Bradford, Rob't Ritchie, |
| | Manuel Eyre, Thos. Barclay, |
| | Tho's Fitz Simmons, |

Whereupon,

Ordered, That a Copy of this Minute be sent to the Council with an address, expressive of the attachment of this Board

to the Independence of America, and their readiness to serve this State on every occasion.

Upon motion made,

Resolved, That Thos. Barclay, Thomas Fitz Simmons and Robert Ritchie, be appointed to write a letter to the President and Supreme Executive Council, respecting the Oath tendered to them by Mr. Hubley.*

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State Navy Board,

March 15th, 1777.

Present:

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Tho's Barclay, |
| Samuel Massey, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Tho's Fitz Simmons, | Paul Cox, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Joseph Marsh, | Joseph Blewer. |

An Order on William Richards to Hugh Montgomery, of the Effingham, for 48 yds. Bedsacking.

An Order on Will'm Richards to Capt. Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, for 24 yds. Bedsack'g, & 3 lb Thrums.

An Order on John Hazlewood, Esq., to Capt. Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, for 1 bbl. Pitch & 6 Blankets.

An Order on William Webb for £28, fav'r Martin Delany, for keeping a Man & Horse at Cantwell's Bridge, to forward expresses to Wilmington, 8 mo. @ 70s. 1d., by an agreement by Capt. Faulkner in writing, and exhibited to this Board.

An Order on Robert Towers & William Richards, for the

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*Section Forty, of the Constitution of 1776, required, of all officers, Judicial, Executive or Military, in authority under the Commonwealth, an oath or affirmation of allegiance containing the following clause: "And that I will not, directly or indirectly, do any act or thing prejudicial or injurious to the Constitution or Government thereof, as established by the Convention." Sec. 47 specified the mode of alteration of the Constitution at a distant day, exclusive, of course of all other modes of alteration. Many persons refused to take the oath of allegiance, because they were of opinion if they did so, it would preclude their advocating a more adequate and earlier method of improving what was right in the Constitution, and amending what was wrong. Gen. Joseph Reed, who was appointed Chief Justice on the 20th of March, 1777, declined the office for this reason. (Reed, life of Reed, vol. i., page 302.) In 1778, the Assembly unanimously resolved that its members might take the oath with a reservation of the right to procure amendments, and a large number so took the oath. The Council of Censors, however, in 1783, pronounced this an infringement of the Constitution.

Sundry articles thought necessary to compleat the Putnam Battery.

Martin Delany be requested to continue in the business of an Express from Apoquimany* as formerly, to commence from the 14th Inst.

Mr. Marsh is requested to order a proper Boat for the Fire Ship Strumbello, and One for the Brig Vulcano, to be built immediately.

Resolved, That Mr. Ritchie & Mr. Fitz Simmons be appointed to wait on the President and Supreme Executive Council with the Minutes of the proceedings of yesterday, respecting the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance tendered to this Board by Mr. Hubley, and with a Letter as follows, which was Signed by all the Members, (except Sam'l Morris, Junr., Esqr., who is not in town,) and to report to this Board what answer They receive:

To the Hon'be Supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—By the Minutes of this Board; which we have the honor to inclose, you will perceive that Nine of the Members present have resolved not to take the Oath or Affirmation of allegiance tendered to them by a member of your honorable Board. We do not apprehend that the reasons on which our dissent are founded is expected; but we think it necessary to make known to your Honors, that we are willing and ready to take an oath of allegiance to the United States, as well as the Oath of Office; And that we are extremely desirous of rendering every service in our power to this State, in any capacity in which we can be useful.

We are, with great respect, Gentl'n,

Your Most Obt. Hum. Serv'ts.

Mr. Ritchie & Mr. Fitz Simmons report that they deliver'd into the Hands of the Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, the Minutes and papers as directed by this Board, and were told by the Vice President that the Council would sit again on Tuesday, when they would consider the Navy Board's Letter, and in the mean time desired the Board to proceed in the business.

The Certificate from the Continental Navy Board respecting two Smiths wanting for the work of the Frigates, being considered,

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*Apoquimany or Apoquiniminck, a small creek in Delaware, South of New Castle.

Ordered, That if that Board will be forthcoming for the Men's attendance on board their respective Boats, They be spared to Daniel Offley untill call'd for. (N. B. The Men's names are Isaac Tumbin, of the Frankling, and Christopher Tafe, of the Arm'd Boat Brimstone.)

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State Navy Board,

March 17th, 1777.

Present:

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| Tho's Barclay, C. M., | Joseph Blewer, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Sam'l Massey, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Paul Cox, | Joseph Marsh, |

Tho's Fitzsimmons.

An order on William Webb to Stacy Hepburn, for 120 lbs. Thrums, sent to the Provincial Store, 3s., £15 6.

An order on Wm. Richards to Jacob Myers, for 2 Gall's Sw't Oil.

An Order on Henry Dougherty, Esqr., to Capt. Rice, of the Convention Galley, for 10 Tons Pig Iron, or as much as will be necessary for balasting her, out of his Ship.

An order on William Richards for 2 lbs. pump Leather, for the Fire Brig Vulcano.

An order on William Webb to John Huddle, for the amo't of 4,743 feet Pine Board, for the use of the Fire Ships, £33 4 6.

Obtained an Order from William Moore, Esqr., C. M., of the Pennsylvania War Office, for 14 Three and Four Pounders, and Capt. Blewer is directed to take charge of them, and report how they are disposed of.

An order on Mr. Towers and Mr. Richards to furnish Capt. Simmons with the several articles contain'd in his Indent.

An Order to John Hazlewood to desire him to direct Capts. Bird, Hoover & Wade to attend to-morrow morning at Market Street Wharf, with their Vessells, to take down the Men and entrenching Tools ordered to Billings Port.

The Committee appointed by this Board to go down the River to fix on proper Stations for the Fire Rafts and Vessells, Report: That they have made the proper examinations, and are of opinion that the best places or Stations to fix the Several Chains of the Fire Rafts, are as follows:

Part in Darby Creek.*

Part in Mantua Creek.

Part in Schuylkill River.

And that the Fire Vessells should be placed between the Chevaux de Frize and Woodbury Creek, in the Jersey Channell.

The Committee also reports, as their opinion, that a four Gun Battery at Derby Creek is necessary for the defence of the Fire Rafts in case of an attack, and that a Flanking Wing should be added at Fort Island.

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State Navy Board,

March 18th, 1777.

Present:

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| And'w Caldwell, C. M., | Tho's Fitz Simmons, |
| Will'm Bradford, | Joseph Marsh, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Tho's Barclay, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Paul Cox. |

John Tittermary ordered to make two Tow Lines of 6 Inches, 100 fathom each.

An Order on William Webb to John Webb, for Liquors to recruiting Officers, £25 13 9.

Capt. Cox requested to purchase a p'r 4 pounders, of Sam'l Young, on the best Terms he can.

Philip Wert delivered into Capt. Richards' Store 42 Barrells Beef & receipt.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Massey, for Sundries purchased by him & delivered into Captain Richards' Store, £139 1 8.

An Order on William Webb to Mrs. Richmon, for 1,726½ lbs. Tallow, bo't @ 13d., and sent to Capt. Richards' Store, £93 10 4.

An order on William Richards, to supply Capt. John Brice, of the Fire Brig Vulcano, with sundry Articles contained in his Indent.

Captain Griffith Jones ordered to deliver to Capt. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, an Anchor of 1,000 or 1,100 weight.

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*Darby creek, a fine mill stream in Delaware county, emptying into Delaware river, nearly opposite the lower end of Little Tinicum Island.

State Navy Board,

March 19th, 1777.

Present:

Tho's Barclay, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Tho's Fitz Simmons, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre, Sam'l Massey,
Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox,
Will'm Bradford.

An Order on William Webb, to Benjamin Betterton, for 30 Ironbound Buckets, 30 Ironbound Messkidds, & 6 Ironbound Funnells, sent to the Provincial Store, £23 11.

An order on William Richards, to deliver to John Annis such sails as will be necessary for the Fire Ship and Brig.

An Order on William Webb, to Michael Trislar, for sundries Bought of him and sent to Wm. Richards' Store, £5 13.

An Order to Capt. Wade to attend John McCulloch, with his Flat, to carry Scantling to Billings Port.

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State Navy Board,

March 20th, 1777.

Present:

Tho's Barclay, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Will'm Bradford, Joseph Marsh,
Rob't Ritchie, Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Sam'l Massey, Paul Cox.

Upon motion made,

Resolved, That Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Fitz Simmons be appointed to wait on the Supreme Executive Council, to inform them of some difficulties that have occurred to the Members of this Board, in the execution of their Office; and that the Council be requested to favor this Board with an answer to the Letter wrote to them by the Board the 15th Instant.

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State Navy Board,

March 21st, 1777.

Present:

Will'm Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Robert Ritchie,
Joseph Marsh, Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Paul Cox, Sam'l Massey.

An order on Capt. John Wade to attend Robt. Allison to carry down a load of Boards and Shingles to Fort Island.

An order on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., to William Webb, for Five Thousand Pounds, £5,000.

An order on William Richards to Dr. Dunlap, for 1 Box Candles and 1 Box Soap, for the use of the Hospital.

An order on William Webb to Sam'l Massey, for seventeen hundred & fifty Pounds, £1,750.

An order on William Webb to Paul Cox, for eleven Hundred & five pounds, £1,105.

An order to Henry Dougherty, of the Ship Montgomery, to deliver to Col. Bull the Six Oar'd Barge belonging to his Ship.

An order on Wm. Webb to Jesper Carpenter, for burying seven Men, £8 15.

The following Minute was sent to the Supreme Executive Council:

The late Council of Safety, by a resolve of the 17th Feb'y, directed the Armed Schooner Delaware, commanded by Capt. Eyre, to be immediately fitted out, and to proceed to Tom's River for the protection of the Salt Works there, and that business being recommended to this Board to execute, they have accordingly got the Vessell in readiness, and waits the orders of the Council.

Received the following Letter from the President:

"Gentlemen:—The Council, taking into consideration your resolve respecting the Oath mentioned in the 40th section of the Frame of Government, are now fully of opinion that the said Section does not require you, in your present capacity, to take such oath, notwithstanding any Resolve heretofore made by them. The Oath of Office, however, they think necessary should be taken.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your very Humble Serv't,

(Signed.) THO. WHARTON, Junr., Presid't."

An order on William Webb to Sam'l Rhoads, for Sundries Bo't of him and sent into Wm. Richard's Store, £16 6.

An order on William Webb to Abr'm Smith, for Hickory Brooms sent to Wm. Richards Store, £3 15.

A Certificate given Capt. Thos. Townshend, of the Sloop Industry, to William Crispin, Commissary, to supply him with the usual Rations, and for 78 Rations in arrears due to him and three Men to this date.

Mr. Marsh and Capt. Blewer are appointed to enquire what goods belonging to this State are on Mr. Donaldson's wharf, and to have them removed to Jones' Wharf.

The following agreements are made by Mr. Marsh and Mr. Eyre, with the following persons for Guard Boats:

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| Hill & Merrit for | 2 | Boats, at | 40s. p. ft. | Contract made by Mr. Marsh, the oars extra. |
| Dunn & Hale, | 1 | do. | do. | |
| Boyer Brooks, | 2 | do. | do. | Contract made by Mr. Eyre, the oars extra. |
| John Cole, | 1 | do. | do. | |
| Williams & Clinton, | 1 | do. | do. | |

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State Navy Board,

March 22d, 1777.

Present:

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| Will'm Bradford, C. M., | Manuel Eyre, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Sam'l Massey, |
| Rob't Ritchie, | Joseph Marsh, |
| Tho's Fitz Simmons, | Paul Cox. |

An Order on William Richards to supply Capt. John Rice with sundry articles of rigging, &ca.

Resolved, That Mr. William Webb, paymaster, be directed to lay before this Board a State of his Accounts on the last Saturday of every Month, in order that a settlement may be made with him Monthly.

An order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for six hundred pounds on acco't, £600.

An order on Wm. Richards to supply Martin Virt, of the Sloop Sally, with sundry articles.

An order to Capt. Jeremiah Simmons, to send up the Sails belonging to the Arnold Battery, to John Annis, for which Simmons is to take his receipt.

An order on William Webb to Will'm Robinson, for work done on board the Sloop Sally, £1 12.

Resolved, That no Officer in the Marine Service of this State, shall, while in this River, take up or buy any kind of materials or stores, or shall make any repairs or alteration in his Vessel without an order from this Board, and that all returns for necessaries wanting for any of the Vessells be examined and Signed by the Captain.

The above resolve is sent to the Commodore, and desire to furnish all the Captains of the Fleet with a Copy of it.

An order on Wm. Richards to George Virt, of the Sloop Liberty, to supply him with sundry articles.

The following instructions were sent to Arthur Donaldson:

This Board having appointed you to superintend the Sinking of the Chevaux de Frizes in this river, you are desired immediately to provide 12 Men for that Service, and you are authorized to agree with them for such pay and provision as the nature of the service requires. There are many materials belonging to that department which you are to collect, and make returns to this Board of what further may be necessary.

You are likewise to contract for, and provide in convenient places, such a quantity of stone as you may judge sufficient for sinking the Chevaux de Frizes, and the sooner this can be done the better.

For the sake of regularity, we think it necessary for you to employ a person to act in the capacity of Steward and Clerk, (the wages allowed is 14 dollars per month,) who shall give receipts for all the provisions he receives, shall superintend the delivery of them and keep lists of the men employed, which lists are to be returned to this Board.

At all times, when it can be done without inconvenience, we would have you apply to the Commissary of this State for Provisions and Rum, but when that cannot be done, you are at Liberty to provide them yourself, and at all times to allow such quantity as the Nature of your service requires.

Proper Vessells will be provided for you, and the Commanding Officer of the Fleet directed to assist you with any reasonable number of Men you may want.

The Board will direct the places where the Chevaux de Frizes are to be sunk, and whenever any difficulty occurs in the execution of your duty, will always be ready to give you their assistance.

As we consider this service of very great importance to the State, we recommend it to you to pay particular attention to the duties of it, and to lose no time in providing those things that are necessary for the undertaking.

An Order on Wm. Richards to Isaac Roach, for Sundry Articles for the use of the Congress Galley.

An Order on Wm. Webb to Tho's Town, for 1,093 feet Pine Boards dl'd Gunning Bedford for the use of the Fire Vessells, £12 1 3.

State Navy Board,

March 24th, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Sam'l Massey,
Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox,
Will'm Bradford, Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Wm. Richards, for a Coil of Spun yarn for the use of the Ship Montgomery.

An Order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Roach, of the Congress Gondalo, with the sundry Articles contained in the list to compleat her outfit.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. James Brown, of the Guard Boat Tormentor, with a compleat list of Stores, as she is a new Boat.

A certificate to Capt. Wade, of the State Sloop, for 62 Rations arrears, and to supply him and two hands with Usual Rations from this date.

An order to Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply the Guard Boat Fame, Capt. Thos. Hazlewood, and the Guard Boat Brimstone, Capt. Watkins, with the Sundry Articles contained in their Indent.

An order on Wm. Dawson, to supply Jacob Meyers with a p'r Bellows, and to Capt. Richards for 5 Ct. Rod Iron.

An order to Capt. Hardy, to spare Capt. Hazlewood Two of his Blunderbusses.

An order on Capt. Richards to Capt. Hazlewood, for 3 doz. Brooms & 1 Rheam whited Crown paper.

Capt. John Hazlewood directed to apply to Jas. Pearson for 20 Iron Chambers.

An order to Capt. Townshend, of the Sloop Industry, to go down immediately to get a load of Reeds for the Use of the Fire Vessells.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Hanse, of the Guard Boat Vulture, with the sundry articles contained in his Indent.

Resolved, That Sam'l Massey, Joseph Blewer & Paul Cox, be a Committee from this Board to attend the fitting out the Armed Vessels now in this Port, and that they have authority to give orders for such materials as they find necessary to compleat the said vessells.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that an appli-

cation be made to the Supreme Executive Council of this State, to lay an embargo on this Port; and that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Fitz Simmons do apply to the members of the Continental Navy Board to Join us in a request to the Council for that purpose.

An order on Wm. Richards to Philip Wirt, to supply him with sundry articles for the Schooner Lydia.

An order on William Webb to Joseph Rhoads, for 1,650 feet Scantling & 940 feet of Laths, for the use of Fort Island delivered to Robert Allison, £12 14 9.

Capt. Thos. Moore, of the Hancock Gondalo, directed to deliver up to Capt. Wilkinson, of the Artillery, a man belonging to him, upon his returning the bounty and charges.

Robt. Towers was this day furnish'd with a list of the shott and powder to be put on board the Amunition Sloop Sally, Martin Wirt, Master, for the 13 Galleys, and directed to be immediately put on board. The Cartriges for each Vessell to be put in Boxes, and the Vessell's name marked on them with the w't of metal.

An order to Wm. Richards and Robt. Towers, to supply Capt. Henderson of the Dickinson Gondalo, with such articles as are contained in his Indent.

An order on Wm. Webb to Benja. Davis for £2 7, for work done to the following Vessels, Vizt:

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| Effingham, Drum, &ca., ..... | £1 7 0 |
| Franklin, do. ..... | 1 0 0 |
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State Navy Board,

March 25th, 1777.

Present:

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| Will'm Bradford, C. M., | Rob't Ritchie, |
| Sam'l Massey, | Thos. Fitz Simmons, |
| Paul Cox, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Joseph Marsh. |

An Order on William Webb to Sam'l Corry, for rigging the Sloop Industry, Capt. Townshend, £1 10.

An order on William Richards to Capt. Jas. Brown, of the Guard Boat Tormentor, for 24 yds. Bedsacking.

An order on William Richards to Capt. Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, for 24 yards Bedsacking.

An order on Rob't Towers to Capt. Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, for small arms, &ca., & 2 Blunderbusses.

An order on Wm. Richards and Rob't Towers, to supply Capt. Hardie with the sundry articles contained in his Indent, they can furnish.

An order on Wm. Richards to supply Capt. Hoover, of the accommodation Sloop Hetty, with the sundry articles contained in his Indent.

Delivered to Abr'm Mason, for the use of the Convention Galley, the following Sail Cloth:

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| 7 p's Canvas, No. 3, | 279¾ |
| 4 p's do. No. 7, | 155½ |
| | 435¼ |
| 2 p's Osnaburgs, | 252 |

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Tatnal with the sundry articles in his Indent, they can furnish.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Benja. Rue with the sundry articles in his Indent.

An order on Wm. Richards to Capt. Jones, of the Strumbello, for sundry Coils, Rigging, but to deliver old where it will answer in the place of new.

An order on Wm. Richards, to supply Mr. Arthur Donaldson with sundry articles, for the purpose of sinking Chevaux de Frizes, & for his own accommodation.

An order on Mr. Towers, to Exchange with Capt. Hardie one Swivell and two Muskets.

An order on William Webb to Tho's Casdrop, for one hundred pounds on acco't of repair'g Galleys, £100.

An order on Wm. Webb to Capt. John Brice, for the expences in discharging the Fire Brig Vulcano, £11 4 3.

An order on William Webb to Litle & Heston, for 631 lbs. Nails, 2s. 6d., £78 17 6.

Delivered Capt. Hardie, of the Guard Boat Terror, Four Blankets and 30 yards Bedsacking.

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State Navy Board,
March 26th, 1777.

Present:

Wm. Bradford, C. M., Sam'l Massey,
Tho's Fitz Simmons, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Rob't Ritchie.

An order on Rob't Towers to Capt. Cowpland, for 2 Swivels.

An order on William Webb to Tho's Virgin, for caulking and Serving Mallat, £5 10.

An Order on William Webb to Wm. Woodhouse, for Sundry Small articles supply'd the Galleys per acco't, £6 1 3.

An order on William Webb to And'w Beck, as door-keepr from 11 March to 24th Inst., is 13 days @ days 7s. 6d., £4 17 6.

An order on William Webb to David Thompson, for

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| wharfage and work done per account, ..... | | £59 19 6 |
| Wharfage for the Fire Vessels, ..... | £30 | |
| Work done for Vesuvius, ..... | 22 9 6 | |
| Ditto, for Sloop Aetna, ..... | 5 12 | |
| Accommodation Sloop Hetty, ..... | 1 18 | |
| | | 59 19 6 |

An Order on William Webb to William Woodhouse, Bought September last and sent to William Richard's Store, £4 12.

An order on William Webb to Capt. William Davis, for a Set of Careenin Blocks deliver'd Author Donaldson, £7 10.

Captains Joseph Blewer & William Davis are appointed to go down the River to examine into the State of the signals, and to see the Persons employed attend faithfully to their Duty, and if necessary to remove any, Mr. Blewer shall appoint other Persons in their places, and take any other steps proper for executing that service with care and attention.

An order to Mr. William Richards & Mr. Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Murphy with such articles in his Indent they can furnish.

Resolved, That this board will represent to the Supreme Executive Council the present State of the Armed Vessells belonging to this State, and we recommend to their consideration the consequence of the Works executing at Billings Port.

An order on Mr. Crispin to supply Mr. Coburn with what Rum he may judge necessary for the use of the People in raising the State Ship.

James Craig is appointed to the Sloop Hetty, in the room of Hoover, who is discharg'd for misconduct, when he was sent down to Billings Port.

An order to David Potts, to deliver to Jacob Meyer One Ton Bar Iron.

An order on William Richards, to supply John Coburn with what he may want from his Store, for the purpose of raising the State Ship. And wrote a Letter to Mr. Coburn to procure whatever else he may want, and the Board would pay for the same.

State Navy Board,

March 27th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey,
Robert Ritchie, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Joseph Marsh.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Boys with the Sundry Articles in his Indent, which they can furnish.

An order on Daniel Dawson, to deliver a pair Smith's Bellows to Jacob Myer.

Deliver'd Capt. John Hazlewood thirty Blankets and Twelve Yards Tow Linnen for the use of the Vessells in his department, for which he is to take the different Captains' Receipts.

An order on William Richards to Capt. Huston, for 1 Barrel Tar, 30 wt. Tallow & 2 Brooms; and also an order on Capt. Hazlewood for 1 Barrel Pitch.

An order on John M. Nesbitt to Wm. Webb, for Three Thousand Pounds, £3,000.

Agreed with Jacob Grantham for Twelve pounds per month as Clerk to John Hazlewood's department, and to take charge of the Wharf and Stores hired of John Jones, and to return to this Board an Inventory of what he finds in said Stores.

An order on William Webb to Joseph Blewer, for Sixteen Bushells Salt, deliver'd to Wm. Pritchard, at Mr. Richard's Store, @ 22s. 6d., ..... £18 0 0
and Three Dollars for Books and Quills included in said order, ..... 1 2 6

£19 2 6

An order on William Webb to Isaac Lort, for Twenty-four Flesh Forks, deliver'd into William Richard's Store, £3.

An order on William Richards to Gunning Bedford, to supply him with such articles as he may want for the Fire Vessells.

An Order on William Webb to Dan'l Dawson, for 1 pair Smith's Bellows, deliver'd to Jacob Myers, £15.

The following was handed this day from the Supreme Council:

"In Council,
Thursday, March 27th, 1777.

The State Navy Board are hereby authorized to give such

orders to Captain Eyre as they may judge necessary for the protection of the Salt Works at Tom's River.

THO. WHARTON, Ju'r., Pres't."

The following Letter was sent this day:

To The Honorable Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:—Fully impressed with the weight of business that, in the Commencement of your office, must have been thrown upon you, & desireous to render what service we could to our country, we have not waited for any instructions respecting the duties of this Board, but have, as well as in our power, gone through the business that has come before us. Many things, however, has occurr'd which we think it our duty to lay before you, & we hope you will, with your first convenience, take them into your Consideration, & give us such advice & instructions respecting them as to you shall seem proper.

One of our first duties was to enquire into the state of the Vessells & boats belonging to this Commonwealth, which we are sorry to inform your honors is not in the good condition we cou'd wish, most of them requiring repairs or alteration, & many of them shamefully deficient in their Complement of men; from the enquiry's we have made into the reasons of those deficiencies, it appears to us that some part might have been remedied, had the officers exerted themselves as they ought, but that, at this time, it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to get them manned without your interposition, for it cannot be expected that men will enlist themselves in this service at the wages allow'd by the State, when Seamen, in the Merchants' service, can get from 15 to £18 per month, & Landsmen 10 to £12. We wou'd, therefore, recommend to your most serious Consideration whether it wou'd not be for the Publick good to lay an embargo, to prevent any Vessells Sailing from this port for a few days, or until the Armed Vessels, intended for the service of the State, can be put into a better Condition.

With due submission to your better judgment, we apprehend a measure of this kind wou'd have many good advantages as well to the General Cause, as to this State in particular.

The late Council of Safety, of this State, appointed John Hazlewood, Esqr., Commander-in-Chief of the fire Vessells, boats, & rafts, belonging to the State, subject, however, to the Commodore of the fleet for the time being. Capt. Hazlewood has lately inform'd us that though he is heartily dispos'd to

render every service in his power to this State, he does not chuse to continue subject to the orders of the present Commodore of the fleet, or any of the Captains who, in case of accident, may succeed him; but if it should be thought consistent, wou'd wish to have the entire direction of that part of the Armament; how far his desire ought to be comply'd with, we submit to you, but we think it of great importance that it should be immediately determined, and in justice to Capt. Hazlewood, we must say he appears to have great merit in his department.

There are at present some officers wanting in the fleet; we should be glad to know whether any recommendations for such appointments is expected from us, & whether the Warrant Officers are to be apopinted by the Council.

Some accounts have been brought to us, and more we expect may, of services perform'd or Contracts made, previous to our appointment. We are apprehensive a great loss may arise to the State if the Settlement of such accounts are thrown upon us, who are totally unacquainted with the transactions, and have no books or documents of the Council to refer to. On that account we conceive it would be more eligible to appoint a Committee for the purpose of Settling all accounts previous to our appointment.

We find there is a great number of men at present employ'd in throwing up works at Billings Port, which we should not presume to take notice of, but as we think it will very materially affect the defences prepar'd for this river. As far as we have been able to learn. those works were meant to be upon so extensive a plan that it will be impossible to compleat them in time for this Season.

The Military People say, if the whole was compleat, the post is not tenable. We pretend to no judgment in these matters, but as we know this business is much talk'd of, we beg leave to recommend it to your consideration, whether any temporary works, erected there, could not be as easily turn'd to the annoyance of our Vessells, and if so, whether it should not be discontinued.

These things we have thought it our duty to represent to you, & we conceive this mode will take up less of your time than any other. We shall hope for such directions, in consequence, as you may think proper. And are, with great respect.

By Order of the Board.

Agreed with Ebenezer Massey to attend as Clerk to this Board, and to be paid at the rate of Twelve Shillings & Six Pence per day.

Cornel's Sweers having desir'd leave to resign his employment as Clerk to this Board. His resignation was accordingly accepted of.

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State Navy Board,
March 28th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons, Joseph Marsh,
Rob't Ritchie, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey.

Deliver'd to Alexander Henderson, of the Dickinson, Eighty Yards Sacking, for the use of his People.

An order on William Webb to William Finlay, for Building a Camboose on board the Dickinson Galley, Two Pounds, £2.

An Order to the Commanding Officer at Fort Island to Stop Vessells coming up with wood for the supply of the Garrison, and to pay for the Wood at the same rate it sells here.

An Order on William Webb to David Potts, for One Ton Bar Iron deliver'd to Jacob Myer at Fort Island, £55.

An Order on John Hazlewood to Capt. Mitchell, for One Barrel Pitch.

An Order to John Britton not to deliver any of the Stuff under his care, without an Order from this Board.

An Order to Philip Wert to attend at Chestnut Street Wharf, to Carry down a Number of Men and Provisions to Billings Fort.

An Order to Mr. Richards & Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Potts with the sundry Articles in his Indent, they can furnish.

A Letter from the Supreme Council was received, requiring a Conference with as many Members as can conveniently attend in the Council Chamber, at 7 o'clock this Evening.

Resolved, That the Members do attend accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Maffet & Seeds, for One Hundred and fifty-Eight pounds 15s. 2d., £158 15 2.

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State Navy Board,
March 29th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Robert Ritchie, Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Richards, to Martin Wert, to Supply him with the Sundry Articles in his Indent, he can furnish.

An order on William Webb to John Smith, Three Hundred pounds on Account, £300.

An order on William Richards to Captain Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, for 2 Iron Potts.

Doctor McHenry was discharg'd from his Service, agreeable to his own application.

Commodore Hazlewood having represented to this Board that it will be necessary to erect a Battery at or near Darby Creek's mouth, for the protection of Fire Boats & Rafts.

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood be directed to Erect such a Fortification as he thinks necessary, and that this board will defray the Expense attending that service, and provide Guns and Stores.

An Order to William Richards, to Arthur Donaldson, for a Barrel of Beef and a Barrel of Pork.

Deliver'd to Daniel Murphy Twenty-four yards Bed Sacking, for the use of the Armed Boat Eagle.

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State Navy Board,

March 31, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Marsh.

Capt. Garland, of the Chatham Gondalo, having apply'd for Liberty to go down with his Vessell to Christine to recruit,

Resolved, That Commodore Seymore be desir'd to give him permission accordingly for one week.

Capt. Blair having attended, agreeable to order, it was recommended to him to employ one of his Officers and a Drummer, Fifer or Boatswain, immediately to recruit.

An Order on William Webb, in favor of James Stewart, for Twenty-five Pounds five Shill's, for 11 Cords Wood purchased by John Hazlewood for Ballasting the Ship Strumbulo, £25 5.

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State Navy Board,

April 1st, 1777.

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order to J. Grantham, to deliver 1,500 feet pine boards for building a House at Bomb Bay Hook, for the person who has the Care of the Signals.

An Order to Capt. Richards to furnish Nails for the above purpose.

An Order on William Webb, in favor of Griffith Jones, for work done on board the Strumbelo, £10 11 3.

An Order to Robert Fitz Gerald, to deliver Capt. Brown 180 Bottoms for Grape Shot, and what Blocks he wants.

That Capt. Brown be permitted to Grant a Furlow for 14 days to Timothy Carby and John Willard.

An Order to William Richards to deliver bolt Rope and Twine to Abraham Mason, Sufficient to make Captain Rice's Sails.

Deliver'd to Capt. Tatnall, of the Armed Boat Porcupine, 24 yards Sacking.

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Mason, for Three pounds six Shillings, for his Account against the Delaware & Washington Galleys, £3 6.

An Order to William Richards, to Supply Capt. Montgomery with Six Scanes Marline and One pound of whipping twine, for the use of the Effingham Galley.

An Order to William Richards, to supply Capt. Frederick Bird, of the Sloop Defiance, with the Sundry Articles in his Indent he can furnish.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Nagle, for Two pounds Ten Shillings & Nine pence, for 1 Keg Spirits Turpentine Containing 10 Gallons, @ 4s. 6d. per Gll'n, Keg & porterage 5s. 9d. put in the State Store, £2 10 9.

Deliver'd to Capt. Rue, of the Armed Boat Fire Brand, Twenty-four yards Sacking.

Resolved, That this Board will recommend to the Executive Council proper persons to be appointed to the vacancies now in the fleet, and that Commodore Seymore furnish each Captain with a Copy of this resolve, that if any persons under them chuse to apply, they may do it immediately.

Resolved, That Commodore Seymore be desir'd to return to this Board, to-morrow, a List of all the officers under his Command, and the dates of their respective Commissions.

Directions to Robbins, Dunn & Co., to furnish this Board with their account for building the Convention Galley by the 4th Inst.

An order on William Webb to Buckley, Simmons & Collings, for £16 2 6.

Order'd, That William Webb, Treasurer, be directed to produce to this board the monthly pay roles at the same time with his account.

Order'd, That the Staves belonging to this State, now lying on Jones's Wharf, be sold by Publick Vendue, on Saturday next, and that Mr. Bradford Advertise them accordingly.

An order on William Webb to Isaac Eley, for one pound seventeen shillings & 6d., £1 17 6.

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State Navy Board,

April 2d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Marle, for One Hundred & Three pounds Eighteen Shillings, £103 18.

An Order on William Webb to William Drewry, for Sixty-three pounds & Sixpence, £63 0 6.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Meyer, for his Month's pay due the 1 Inst., £9.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myer, for Twenty-three pounds nineteen Shillings & Eight pence, for payment of sundry people employ'd by him, £23 19 8.

An Order on William Webb to Ann Cox, for Three pounds seven Shillings & 6d., £3 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten Shillings, for one month's Hire of his Boat, himself & two boys, £37 10.

Directions to James Buddon, to deliver to Thomas Marle a new boat which he took from John Williams's Wharfe.

An Order on William Webb to Cornelius Sweers, for £11 7 6.

Capt. Jeremiah Simmons having apply'd to know where he shou'd pay Fifty-seven pounds, fifteen shillings & nine pence, for Cloathing & Stoppages in his hands.

Order'd, That he pay it to the Treasurer for

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| Cloaths, ..... | £36 16 5 |
| Stoppages, ..... | 20 19 4 |
| | £57 15 9 |

An Order on William Webb to William Cox, for Twelve pounds ten shillings, for 20 days flat hire, £12 10.

An Order to William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Moore of the Hancock; to supply Capt. McFatrick with his Indent.

A Petition from James KirkPatrick, praying to be made 1st Lieutenant of the Effingham Gondalo, and on consideration, Resolved to recommend him for that station.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Town, for ninety pounds 13s. for Boards, £90 13.

It being recommended to this Board to take under their direction, the throwing a temporary bridge over Schuylkill.

Order'd, That Thomas Casdrop and Thomas Davis be employ'd to build such a bridge.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop & Tho's Davis, for three hundred pounds, to purchase logs & materials for the Bridge over Schuylkill, £300.

An Order to Robert Towers, to put on board the Schooner Lydia, Capt. Wert, at Chestnut Street Wharfe, Sixty three pound cartridges.

Order'd, That Instructions be wrote for Capt. Simmons & Davis, respecting the inspection of the Alarm Posts.

An Order on John M. Nesbitt, to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

Directions to Daniel Murphy, Commander of the Eagle Guard Boat, to attend Capt. Simmons in visiting the Alarm Post.

Commodore Seymore is directed to order Capt. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, to hold himself in readiness to proceed down the river on Sunday next.

Mr. Marsh is desir'd to accompany Capt. Hazlewood to Derby Creek to-morrow, to fix upon a proper place for a Battery.

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State Navy Board,

April 3d, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Thomas Fitz Simons, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Joseph Marsh, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Samuel Massey. |

Order'd That Daniel Murphy, Commander of the Eagle, do attend with his boat and men, on Captains Simmons and Allen, who are appointed to visit the alarm posts down the Bay and River Delaware.

The following letter was sent to Commodore Seymore:

Sir:—You are requested to order all the officers belonging to the Naval Service of this State, whose Vessells or boats are now down the River, to repair on board their respective Ves-

sells immediately, (except those who are employed in the recruiting service,) and that none of them leave their stations without your permission.

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State Navy Board,

April 4th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh,
Sam'l Massey, Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Lort, for Three pounds ten Shillings, £3 10.

An Order on William Webb to Johnson and Tittermerry, for nine pounds, 5s., £9 5.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Collins, for seventy-two pounds five shillings, for 850 Bushells Coals supply'd Jacob Myers at the Fort Island, £72 5.

An Order on William Webb to James Craig, for Eighteen pounds for work done on board the Brigt. Convention, John Rice, Commander, £18.

An Order on William Webb to Allen Moore, for One hundred Fifteen pounds 6s. 9d., for his & Ruloff Albertson's Attendance, & materials they found for the Bridge lately built over Schuylkill, £115 6 9.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, to supply Capt. Hazlewood with 20 hand Barrows, 10 wheel Barro's, 20 Spades, 10 Shovels & 4 picks.

An Order on William Webb to William Frickett, for eleven pounds three shillings, £11 3.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Thomas Marle with six Boats Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Inglis, on Account of the Estate of John Inglis, dec'd, for One Hundred & Ninety-three pounds & 2d., £193 0 2.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Robert Wade, of the flat Black Duck, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Rush & Nathaniel Brown to Capt. John McFatrick, to deliver all the langridge Shott they have, and to send an Account of them to this Board.

An Order on William Richards to Captain Mitchell, to supply him with the sundry Articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply

Capt. Montgomery, of the Effingham Galley, with the Sundry Articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Edmund Nihill, for six pounds, for 15 days hire as Clerk to the Fire raft Store, £6.

The following letter was sent to Commodore Seymore:

Sir:—This board think it necessary to inform you, that they do not consider the fire fleet as under your direction, except in time of action of course; that the orders to the Officers of that department should go throught this board at all other times.

The following was sent to the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to inclose you a return of several officers, with the date of their appointments, who are now in the fleet, and have not yet received their Commissions.

Deliver'd Capt. William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, Forty-seven yards tow linnen, for the use of the men.

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State Navy Board,
April 5th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Thomas Fitz Simons,
Manuel Eyre, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Winimon, for Four pounds six shillings & 8d., for Haleing 130 Barrels Turpentine Inglis's Rope Walk to Jones Wharfe, £4 6 8.

An Order to Capt. Richard Eyres, of the Delaware Schooner, to deliver John Nicholson his Servant Man, named Matthew Ford, now on board his Schooner, he paying Charges if any.

An order to William Richards, to supply Capt. John Mitchell with the sundry articles in his Indent.

An Order to Capt. Isaac Roach, to deliver Captain McFatrick two Swivells.

Application being made to this Board by the Continental Navy Board, for 10 Tons Pig Iron, to Compleat the Ballasting of the Frigate Delaware, an Order was sent to Captain Dougherty, to deliver any quantity, not exceeding Ten Tons, taking a receipt and returning it to this Board.

An Order to Captain Dougherty, to let Captain Brown have one of his Cables till a proper one can be procur'd.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Inglis, on Account of the Estate of John Inglis, dece'd, for One Hundred & Eighty pounds 1s. 7d., £180 1 7.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Offley & Son, for Thirty-five pounds 10s. for 2 Anchors, £35 10.

Agreeable to our letter of yesterday, to the Honorable Supreme Executive Council, we had the following answer from the President, who appear'd this day at the Board, and desir'd the Board would fill up the different Commissions under the authority of the late Council of Safety, which was done accordingly.

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State Navy Board,

April 7th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox.

An Order on Cap. Dougherty, to deliver Cap. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, 12 Fire Buckets belonging to the Ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Lawrence, for one Hundred & two pounds four Shillings & four pence, for 2 Sails & a Cable Bo't at Vendue, £102 4 4.

An Order on William Webb to Captain William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, for two Hundred and nine pounds Seventeen Shillings & four pence half penny, as per Account render'd by him will appear, £209 17 4½.

An Order on William Webb to Paul Cox, for Fifteen pounds for a Mainsal Bo't of him, £15.

An Order on William Webb to John Charmondy, for Four pounds Thirteen Shillings, (for 1 mo. & 6 days' wages, £5 8, deducting 15s. for p'r Shoes,) £4 13.

An Order on William Webb to John Brannon, for One pound ten shillings & 6, for one month & 6 days' wages, £5 8, deducting Three pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six pence for 1 pair Breeches, 1 p'r Shoes & 1 p'r Stockings,) £1 10 6.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, to send two Three-pounders out of the State House yard down to Hill & Merits', and order the two small Guns that are at Hill & Merits' up to William Williams', at the Three Stores.

Directed Doctor Dunlap to make enquiry into the Indisposition of John Barbar, and make report thereof to this Board.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to deliver Capt. Eyres the Stores contained in his Indent.

Order'd, Commodore Seymore to send Cap. Henderson, with his Galley, down to Reedy Island, & Search the different Ves-

sells outward and Inward bound, for any Deserters belonging to the State fleet.

Order'd Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, to attend this Board to-morrow morning, and furnish us with his reasons for not recruiting.

An Order on William Webb, to Plunket & Singleton, Blockmakers, for Fourteen pounds four Shillings, for Sundries put into William Richards' Store, for the use of the Vessells belonging to this State, £14 4.

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State Navy Board,

April 8th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Michael Dawson, for six pounds five shillings, for 5 days' attendance of his Sloop on the Galleys at Trenton, @ 25s. per day—£6 5.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One Hundred and fifty pounds on acco't £150.

As Order on William Webb to William Trickett, for nine pounds, in full, for Stationery supplyed Capt. Richards, £9.

An Order on Capt. William Richard to Capt. Huston, of the Warren Galley, to supply him with the sundry articles in his Indent.

Gentlemen:—We beg leave to recommend to your consideration the case of Edward Hughes, which appears to us to be a hard one, though not within the line of our duty to redress.

To the Supreme Executive Council.

Deliver'd to Capt. John Mitchell, 32½ y'ds Tow linen, for the use of the Ranger Gondola.

Whereas, There appears a great deficiency of hands in the fleet, and in order to supply the said fleet, we apprehend it necessary that the recruiting should be prosecuted with the greatest expedition.

Resolved, That every Captain shall be allowed Twenty shillings for every recruit hereafter enlisted, as an allowance for said Captains expences, which sum to be paid on the recruits passing Muster.

Sir:—As some disturbance has happened between the Galley men & Artillery people, the Board think it necessary to repeal their order.

That all the officers whose boats or vessels are down the

river be order'd on board, & that the officers of the Galleys now here, be directed to use all the dispatch they can in compleating their Vessels.

You are desir'd likewise to order Capt. Blair to attend this Board to-morrow morning.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Four Pounds Two Shillings & six pence, for Eleven days Attendance, 7s. 6d. per day, £4 2 6.

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State Navy Board,

April 9th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Manuel Eyre, |
| Samuel Massey, | Joseph Eyre, |
| Thomas Fitz Simmons, | Paul Cox. |

Sir:—The following appointments being made in the fleet under your command, you'l please communicate them to the different officers, at same time give them orders to procure their Men as fast as possible, & come to this board to receive their Commissions.

In the present emergency it will be proper that you urge every officer under you to compleat their equipments with all possible expedition.

To John Hazlewood, Esq'r.

Fire Sloop Aetna, Cap. William Clark.
Brig't Volcano, Lieut. William Rogers.
Ship Strombulo, Lieut. James M'Knight.

| Guard Boats. | By whom built. |
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| Thunder, Cap. Francis Gilbert— | Williams & Clinton. |
| Dragon, Cap. Benj'n Thompson— | Boyer Brooks. |
| Lyon, Cap. Henry Martin— | Mordecai Hill. |
| Resolution, Cap. William Lyel— | Hale & Dunn. |
| Repulse, Cap. John Harrison— | Samuel Robi |
| Argus, Cap. Nathaniel Galt, | Ditto. |
| Viper, Cap. Stephen Beasly— | Hale & Dunn. |

Sir:—You are to deliver the Staves & heading belonging to this State that lays on Jones's wharfe, agreeable to the above sales, taking care that no person be allowed to cull them, but that they are deliver'd as they come to hand.

To Jacob Grantham.

Sir:—The following promotions & appointments being agreed to, you will please to communicate them to the different Captains; at the same time direct them to recommend proper per-

sons to this board, to fill up the vacancies which those promotions will occasion.

To Commodore Seymore.

Promoted:

Francis Gilbert, from the Ship Montgomery.
Benjamin Thompson, from the Experiment Galley.
Henry Martin, from the Washington.
William Lyell, from the Dickinson.
John Harrison, from the Brig't Convention.

Appointed:

Thomas Fell, 1st Lieut., to the Arnold Battery.
Jas. Kirk Patrick, 1st Lieut., to the Effingham.
Douglass Spence, 1st Lieut., to the Brig't Convention.
George Myers, 2d Lieut., to the Putnam Battery.

The following orders were sent to Capt. Boyce, to Capt. Montgomery, to Capt. Roach, & to Capt. Huston:

Sir:—You are desir'd to compleat the equipments of your vessells immediately, & go down to your station, at Fort Island, on Saturday next, or as much sooner as you can get ready.

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for Two Hundred & Eighty-three pounds ten shillings & Ten pence, £283 10 10.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grinair, for Sixty pounds Nineteen Shilling & 4d., for nails, £60 19 4.

Recommended Douglass Spence for 1st Lieuten't of the Brig Convention, and George Myers for 2d Lieutenant of the Putnam Battery, to the Council.

Gave Capt. Brice, of the Fire Brigt. Vulcano, an order on William Richards & Mr. Fitz Gerald, Blockmaker, for sundries contain'd in his Indent.

Order'd, Commodore Seymore to issue his orders to Captains York & Webb, immediately to repair with their Galleys to this City.

Directed Capt. Richards & Robert Towers to supply Capt. Blair with the sundry articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Cap. Brown, of the Guard Boat Tormentor, with the sundry Articles in his Indent.

Order'd, That William Crispin do procure, immediately, Three Tons Biscuit & Six hogsheads rum, for the use of the State Navy, and to make report of the same to this Board.

State Navy Board,

April 10th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Joseph Blewer, |
| Thomas Fitz Simons, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Samuel Massey, | Paul Cox. |

An Order on William Webb to Carlisle & Volans, for Eight pounds Three Shillings & 11d., £8 3 11.

An Order on William Crispin, to deliver John Hazlewood Twenty Gallons Rum.

An Order on Robert Towers, Joseph Stiles or William Richards, to deliver John Hazlewood Six Wheelbarrows.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Sparks and Andrew Horan, for One pound 13s., £1 13.

An Order on William Webb to Messrs. Meade & Company, for Ninety-eight pounds fifteen Shillings, for Sails Bought of them, £98 15.

An Order on William Webb to Edward London, for Forty-two pounds fifteen Shillings for Wood supply'd the Fire Brigt. Vulcano, £42 15.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Dougherty, of the Ship Montgomery, to supply him with two Gallons Oil and Forty weight Brimstone.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers to Capt. Beasly, of the Guard Boat Viper, to supply him with the sundry Articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Thomas Hazlewood, of the Guard Boat Fame, to supply him with an Iron Pott and Three Fathom and a-half of Rope.

Order'd, Capt. Boyce, of the Franklin, to give Joseph Wilkins (an Apprentice to James Griffin) his discharge.

Captains Simmons & Allen, who were appointed to visit the Signals & Alarm Posts, made the following report, vizt:

On our arrival at the first Alarm post at the Cape, under care of Major Henry Fisher, to be in very good readiness to execute the intentions proposed, having his boat & Horse ready, and a trusty hand at the Light House. But was desired, by Major Fisher, to acquaint you of the necessity of having an assistant with him in case of a retreat, Should the Enemy make an attempt to land there; and, if agreeable to the board, wou'd chuse Capt. Murphy with his boat and Crew for that purpose, as he has many disaffected persons around him.

From the Cape we proceeded to the second boat at Mush-

mellion, under the care of George Jackson, which we found in readiness.

From the above, we proceeded to the third boat at the Motherkill, given in charge to Samuel Edwards, but now under the care of John Marshall, who has it in charge by way of partnership, but we wou'd recommend Mr. Marshall for the post, being well recommended to us as a sober Man, particularly, as we have been informed Edwards has neglected duty when under care.

From thence we proceeded to Bombay Hook, to the fourth boat, under the care of Benjamin Rook, whom we found from his post, and but three men in the boat to proceed up with. We have employed Mr. Pearson, of that place, to attend in his room, till the said Rook should return, and that the board would see him paid out of his wages.

We found all right at the other ports, till we came to No. 5, Steep Water point, where Lawrence Morris, whom we found absent from his post, which we have given in Charge to Mr. James, liveing near it, with desire to recommend a trusty man to it, in case the said Morris should neglect again.

From Steep Water point, we proceeded up to No. 6, 7 & 8; at No. 8, at Chester, on enquiry, found Mr. Coburn somewhat edicted to Liquor, but that he had given very good attendance last summer to his Duty, but found on talking to him, that he would not do the like again, under penalty of becoming turned out of his post; leaving Mr. Grubb of that place as a check on him, who has promised to inform the Board of any neglect he shall commit.

At No. 10, Billingsport, we left charge of the Gun and Flag, to the Commanding Officer there, giving him proper instructions for that purpose.

From that we proceeded to the Fort Island, desiring the Commanding Officer to give such orders as was proper to be observed.

We found at Gloucester, all right.

We think proper to inform the Board, that we have required all the men on their Station, that in case the boat below them, should come to their posts and find them absent, that in that case the one absent should loose one-half of a Months' pay. In like manner, we have informed the Men at the different Guns, leaving it at the discretion of the Board to recompence the post that shall take up the Alarm before the next one below him, to be paid out of the money forfeited.

N. B. We have deliver'd to each post, four rounds of Powder,

besides the one in the Gun, taking away what bad powder they had—deliver'd in the whole, 12 Rounds of 3lb charges. Rece'd of the damaged powder, 4 Rounds.

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State Navy Board,

April 11th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, for Forty-two pounds Twelve Shillings & two pence ½, in full of his Account, £42 2 2½.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to compleat, as in their power, Capt. Rice's Indent, £36 0 0.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Leeson Simmons, for Thirty-six pounds, being for services done formerly, and lately visiting the Alarm posts.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. John Hazlewood, For 924 dollars, for Bounties for the new appointed Captains of the new Guard Boats, £346 10.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Abraham Mason one bolt Russia Duck for the Convention Galley; likewise deliver'd him 70 yards ozenbrigs, out of the Store in the Lodge.

An Order on William Webb to John Adams, for Twenty pounds, for two months' attendance to the Flagstaff at the false cape, £20.

Order'd, That Mr. Marsh visit the Post at Billingsport as often as he thinks necessary, and that Capt. Hazlewood be directed to furnish him a Boat for that purpose as often as he applies for one.

It being represented to this board that Peter Stanley was hurt while in the service of this State.

Order'd, That Capt. Blewer apply to one of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital for an Order to admit him.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Three hundred and fifty pounds, £350.

A Petition from Nathan Simmons to be appointed 2d Lieutenant of the Ranger, being considered, it was agreed that he should be recommended for that appointment.

An Order on William Webb to Johnson & Tittermary, for One Thousand & Forty-two pounds nine Shillings and six pence, £1,042 9 6.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbitt to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Jonathan Cowpland, of the Armed Hawke, with the sundry articles in his Indent.

Order'd Commodore Seymore to permit Capt. Thomas Moore, of the Hancock Galley, to go to Marcus Hook one week, to Recruit for Men.

An Order on William Webb to James King, on Account of Henry Fisher, for Three Hundred & seventy-five pounds, £375.

Order'd, William Richards to deliver Elijah Doe, a half Ton Iron.

Ordered, That Captain Blewer call on Doctor Clarkson, and desire him to attend Peter Standley, and this Board will pay him for his Attendance.

Resolved, That Manuel Eyre & Samuel Massey Go to Darby Creek to-morrow, and give such directions relative to the Building the Battery and House for the Men, as they shall think necessary.

An Order on William Richards to supply Cap. Jones, of the Strumbulo, with sundry Stores.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for nine pounds seven shillings & six pence, on Account, £9 7 6.

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State Navy Board,

April 12th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox, Manuel Eyre.

Order'd, Jeremiah Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, to deliver to Mr. Joseph Rice, his Apprentice Boy now on board, named David M'Coy.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Miller, for One Hundred & forty-four pounds fifteen shillings & six pence, in full of his Account against the Warren Galley, Capt. Huston, £144 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for One Hundred & fifty pounds, on Account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to John Sloan, for Two pounds 5s., in full of 30 Bushells hair, supply'd the Washington Galley, £2 5.

Order'd, All the Officers of the fleet to let Colonel Proctor have as many men as they can conveniently spare, to Work on Fort Island.

An Order on William Webb to John Wisemonger, for three pounds twelve Shillings, in full for 6,000 pump nails put in the Provincial Store, @ 12s. per m., £3 12.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Daniel Murphy, One Barrel Pork.

Sir:—The Board received yours of the 10th, and according to your desire, have sent down Capt. Murphy in the Armed Boat Eagle, who has instructions to follow your Orders in all respects; we pray you will send us all the intelligence you can possibly get. On Monday next, we shall send down another Boat.

To Major Henry Fisher.

Sir:—You are immediately to proceed with your Boat and People to Lewis Town Creek, and then apply to Mr. Henry Fisher, and strictly follow such directions as he shall give you. We request you to keep your People in good order, and not suffer them to stray from the Boat or to commit any Riots.

To Capt. Daniel Murphy.

Sir:—You are desired to order Capt. Eyres of the Delaware, and Capt. Rice of the Convention, immediately to compleat their equipments, and to hold themselves in readiness to Sail on the Morning of the 15th Inst.

To Commodore Seymore.

Sir:—We shall have occasion to send one of the Guard Boats down to the Capes, and request you wou'd recommend a proper one for that purpose & direct the Capt'n to call upon us on Monday morning, to receive his instructions.

To John Hazlewood, Esq.

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State Navy Board,

April 13th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M.,
Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons,
Paul Cox.

State Navy Board,

April 14th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Emanuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order to William Crispin, to supply Captain Roach, of the Schooner Delaware, with Rum & Vegitables for Six Weeks.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Captain Rice, of the Convention, with twenty-six Hundred of Bread & four Barrels flour, with Rum and Vegitables for Six Weeks.

An Order to William Richards, to supply Captain Rice with nine Barrels Beef & five Barrels Pork.

An Order on William Webb to William Brown, Ship Builder, for Three hundred & Thirty-one pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence, £331 18 8.

Order'd, That each Galley and Armed Boat, and Floating Batteries, be provided with two good and proper Spikes for each Gun, for the purpose of Spiking up their Guns upon an emergency, and that Mr. Eyre be directed to procure them One Hundred Spikes.

An Order on William Webb to Soloman Markley, for One pound Ten shillings for 20 Bushells of Hair for the use of the Washington Galley, £1 10.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Dougherty with a Coil of Spun yarn.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Crofts, for Forty-five pounds nine shillings and nine pence, for Making of Boxes, £45 9 9.

An Order to William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Captain Martin, of the Armed Boat Lyon, with the several articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Jehu Eyres, for Three Hundred and Eighty-four pounds & Six pence, for work on the Galley, £384 0 6.

An Order on William Webb to Derick Cooper, for Six pounds Fourteen Shillings, £6 14.

Request to James Wharton & Nathaniel Falconer, to lend this State 600 wt. of Spikes and Deck nails.

On application to the Board of War for small Shot, they gave a General Order to Joseph Stiles to supply this Board with all such shot as we apply for.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Seymore, for Two hundred & fifty pounds, £250.

An Order to Captain Dougherty, to deliver Captain Beesly one pair Swivel Guns belonging to the ship Montgomery.

An Order in favor of William Rigden on William Webb, for Three pounds Seven shillings for painting the Barge belonging to the ship Montgomery, Captain Dougherty, in July last, £3 7.

Deliver'd Captain Yorke Fifteen Blankets, out of the Store under the Lodge.

An Order to Henry Dougherty, Esq'r, Commander of the Ship Montgomery, to deliver Capt. McFatrick two Howitts belonging to the Ship.

The Board, taking into Consideration the necessity of compleating the Obstruction of the Channel opposite Billingsport.

Order'd, That Mr. Eyre be directed to send down a number of Carpenters to assist Mr. Smith in building a further number Chevaux de Frize, and that this board will pay them at the same rate as while employed in repairing the Galleys, and furnish them the necessary provisions.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Miller, for Two hundred & Thirty-nine pounds six shillings & ten pence, in full of repairs of the Brigantine Convention, £239 6 10.

An Order to Captain Dougherty, to deliver Captain James Brown 2 Swivel Guns.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, for Two Swivel Guns in the State House Yard, belonging to his Excellency Thomas Wharton, Esq'r, by his leave to be delivered to Captain James Brown, of the Armed Boat Tormentor.

Sir:—The Vessell under your Command being now ready, you are immediately to proceed with her down to Cape May, and on your arrival there, to inform yourself what Ships or Vessells of the Enemies are in the Bay or Cruising of the Cape, that you may be the better able to judge how to conduct yourself.

The principal intention of sending you down, is to protect the Inward & Outward bound Vessells, and as Capt. Roach of the Delaware goes down with you on the same service, we expect you will be able to excute it with good effect. We recommend it particularly to you, and that you give every possible assistance to all such Vessells.

While there are any of the Enemies Ships in the Bay or Road, it will not be safe for you to venture out to Sea, but when that is not the case, you are at liberty to Cruize between

great Egg Harbour to the North & Sinepuxent to the South, taking care never to go out of sight of the Land, and that you are not more than Forty-Eight Hours at one time from your Station. Captain Roach and you are always to Cruize in Concert, and not to separate if possible.

There is too much reason to believe that a communication is kept up between some people on Shore and the Enemies Ships, by which means they get supply'd with fresh provisions and intelligence. We recommend it to you to be very diligent in preventing any such intercourse, and that if you discover any persons concerned in it, you inform the Executive powers of the State where they reside, or if necessary secure them yourself.

Should you procure any intelligence of the Enemies motions, particularly respecting the present embarkation at New York, you are to forward it to us by Express immediately, either by land or by water, as you may judge most expeditious.

In case of a fleet coming into this Bay, you are to send us immediate advice of it, to watch its motions as long as it can be done with safety, and as your Vessell draws but little water, you may annoy the Boats they employ in sounding; when that cannot be done without endangering your own Vessell, you are to retreat on this side the Chevaux de Frize; Capt. Roach will have Orders to Co-operate with you upon every occasion, and we trust you will execute this Service with Honor to yourself and service to your country.

To John Rice, Esq., Commander of the Brigantine Convention.

Sir:—As you are Ordered to take charge of the Schooner Delaware, it is our directions that you immediately proceed down the Bay in her, and in conjunction with Capt. Rice of the Convention, take your Station at Cape May, where you are to give every assistance in your power to all inward & outward bound Vessells belonging to the United States.

If in your way down, or at any time hereafter, you discover any Vessells of the Enemies in the Bay, you are to give them every annoyance you can, and particularly if you find them sounding; in that case, by chusing your station well, you may prevent their sending out boats, or if they shou'd, be able to distroy them.

You are to be particularly attentive to prevent any communication between the Enemies Ships & the Shore, and if you discover any person concerned in such an Illicit Correspondence, report them to the Executive powers of the State,

where they reside, or if necessary to secure them that they may dealt with according to Law. When there are none of the Enemies Ships in the Bay or Road, you are at Liberty to Cruize in Concert with Captain Rice, between great Egg Harbour to the North and Sinepuxent to the South, but you are not to go out of Sight of Land, nor are you to be longer than forty-Eight hours at one time from your Station. If at any time you procure any material intelligence, you are immediately to communicate it to us, and in case of discovering the Enemies fleet coming into the Bay, shou'd send an Express by land or by water as may seem most Expeditious. You are to watch their motions & annoy their Boats and small Vessells as much as possible, taking care at same time, not to let them get above you, but to retreat before them on this side the Chevaux de Frize.

You must be careful to keep your people from straggling on shore, and to cultivate a good correspondence with any of the Officers employed in the Service.

To Isaac Roach, Esq'r, Commander of the Schooner Delaware.

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Sir:—The Board thinking it necessary to have some person down at Reedy Island, to communicate what intelligence may offer in the most speedy manner, and having the greatest confidence in your integrity and ability, appoint you to that service.

You are therefore to proceed down to-morrow, as low as Bombay Hook, from whence you are to send advice to Henry Fisher of your appointment, at the same time that he is to communicate to you every intelligence that may be necessary for you to send to us. We judge Reedy Island will be the most convenient Station for you, and from thence you are to forward to us every intelligence you can procure, respecting the motions of the enemies Ships, with whatever else may appear to you for the good of the Service.

Your own prudence will direct you as to the more expeditious way of forwarding your intelligence, and to you we leave it, with only observing that we consider the service you are employed in as very essential to this State.

To Captain Leeson Simmons.

State Navy Board,

April 15th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Paul Cox, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Andrew Caldwell, | Thomas Fitz Simons, |
| Samuel Massey, | Joseph Marsh. |

Captain Rice not having it in his power to procure a Pilot here, this Board, authorizes him to hire one at Cape May, or where else a proper one can be got, and to draw upon this board for his hire.

Sir:—You are not to deliver any amunition out of your Sloop till you receive further orders from this Board.

To Capt. Martin Wert.

An Order to Joseph Stiles, to supply Captain Galt with two Swivel Guns.

An Order to William Richards, to supply Capt. Lawrence, of the Salamander, with sundries.

An Order on William Webb to Pat'k Meade, for two pounds six shillings, £2 6.

An Order to Capt. Hazlewood, to supply Captain Lawrence with a Tent.

An Order on William Webb to William Williams, for Four hundred pounds, £400.

An Order on William Webb to Boyer Brooks, for Seventy-six pounds 16s. 4d., £76 16 4.

Sir:—Messrs. Casdrop & Davis being employed in the service of this State, you are to supply them with what provisions & Liquors they may draw for— for themselves & their Workmen.

To William Crispin, Esq'r.

Sir:—The Board are of opiuion that the Chevaux de Frize, which lays on Ground at Fort Island, should be immediately Caulked & got on Floats.

To Joseph Marsh.

An Order to Jonathan Mifflin, D. Q. Master General, to supply this Board with Twenty Tents.

Captain Hazlewood having attended according to Order, and the present state of the fleet, respecting the Commanding Officer, being considered, it was agreed to recommend him to the Executive powers as a proper person to be second in Command.

The board, considering the inconvenience attending their

Orders going through the present Commodore, who, from his infirm state, cannot attend the duties of his station, are of opinion that, for the present, all Orders from this board should be directed to Commodore Hazlewood, & that Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Fitz Simons wait upon Commodore Seymore, to acquaint him with this resolve.

Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Eyre & Mr. Blewer, are directed to go down to Fort Island to-morrow, to inspect into the state of the Armed Vessells there.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for Two hundred fifty-five pounds nineteen shillings & 11, for Iron Work, £255 19 11.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Clark, (formerly Gunner to Capt. Hance,) for six pounds, being for half pay from the first of March to the first of May, he being sick, £6.

An Order on William Webb, in favor Conyngham & Nesbit for ninety-six pounds 5s., for sundrys Bo't of them by Paul Cox, p. bill, £96 5.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Lawrence, for One Hundred & two pounds seven shillings and nine pence, £102 7 9.

An Order on William Webb to Pain Newman, for Two hundred & ninety-one pounds Eighteen shillings & 3½, £291 18 3½.

Delivered Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, Fifteen Blanketts, for the use of his Men.

Sir:—We wrote you the 12th Inst. by Capt. Murphy, and informed you that we wou'd send down another boat on Monday following; we have now ordered Capt. Charles Lawrence, of the Armed Boat Salamander, to proceed immediately to Lewis Town, with our Orders, strictly to follow your directions.

To Major Henry Fisher.

Sir:—You are immediately to proceed with your Boat to Lewis Town Creek, & there apply to Mr. Henry Fisher, and strictly to follow such directions as he shall give you.

We request you to keep your People under good order, and not suffer them to stray from the Boat or to Commit any Riots.

To Capt. Charles Lawrence.

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State Navy Board,
April 16th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Andrew Caldwell, | on duty. |
| Samuel Massey, | Manuel Eyre, | ditto. |
| Thomas Fitz Simons, | Joseph Blewer, | ditto. |
| Paul Cox, | Joseph Marsh, | ditto. |

Mr. Marsh having represented to this board that a greater number of Flatts are wanting to bring Stone from the quarry's to Fort Island and Billingsport;

Order'd, That Mr Massey engage four Flatts to take stone from Butcher's Quarry, on Schuylkill.

The Workmen employed in building Chevaux de Frize, being thought insufficient on the present emergency;

Order'd, That Mr. Eyre employ an additional number of Carpenters for that service. And it is the opinion of this board, that if a sufficient number cannot be got, that this board recommend it to the Executive power to take some effectual steps for procuring them.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbitt, favour William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

An Order to Joseph Stiles, to deliver Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, two Swivel Guns and Sixty Swivel Shott.

An Order on Robert Towers to Capt. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, to Supply him with Sixty Swivel Cartridges, with Worms, Ladles, &c., for two Swivells.

Sir:—The board have taken into consideration your request for a Surgeon, which they wish had been made earlier. It is their opinion that you shou'd immediately proceed agreeable to your former Instructions, and that a Surgeon, with Instruments, Medicines, &c., be sent after you.

To John Rice, Esq'r.

An Order to Robert Towers, to supply the Delaware Schooner with four Sheep Skins.

An Order to Captain Richards, to supply the Delaware Schooner with some Old Canvas and Spare Cordage.

Deliver'd Capt. Roach, of the Schooner Delaware, Six Blankets, for the use of his Men.

Captain Henderson, of the Gondolo Dickinson, having recommended John M'Clain as a proper person for a second Lieutenant, the Board represented him as a fit person, and he was appointed accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to William Perkins, for Thirty-four pounds four shillins, for 3 doz. wood Axes, 1 doz. hand Hatchets, put into Richards Store, £34 4.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Henry Williams, Stewart of the Accommodation Sloop, with sundries contain'd in an Indent sign'd by Commodore John Hazlewood.

An Order on William Webb to Conyngham & Nesbit, for One hundred & thirteen pounds, for sundries bought of them by Paul Cox, £113.

Agreeable to our instructions to Capt. Simmons, he produced an Indent of a Deficiency of Stores for the Arnold Battery, whereupon he received our Directions to William Richards & Robert Towers to supply him.

An Order on Richards & Towers, to supply Capt. Webb, of the Experiment Galley, with such necessaries contained in his Indent.

Repeated orders having been issued from this board, for the Commanders of the Armed Vessells, Batteries and Boats belonging to this State, to furnish them with lists of such necessaries as were wanting to compleat their equipments, and to apply for orders to the Commissaries and Store Keepers to supply them with all such necessaries.

The board cannot but be surprised to find, that notwithstanding such orders, daily applications are making to them for articles which shou'd have been procured in consequence of these orders; and it being represented to us that some of the Cap'ts of the Gondolos, did lately go on board the ammunition vessell belonging to this State, and take from thence a quantity of powder and shot, which imply'd either a want of those necessary articles, or a very great abuse in the Captains who took them; to prevent all such abuses or wants in future, the Board Orders, That Commodore Hazlewood, do direct every officer Commanding any Vessel, Battery or Boat in the service of this State, immediately to furnish him with a list of such articles as he or they may want to compleat their respective equipments, agreeable to the establishment made by this Board.

After such requisition, if any Vessel, Battery or Boat shall be found deficient in any such articles, the board will consider the Commander of such Vessell, Battery or Boat, as answerable for the consequence, except it can be made appear that such articles have been applyed for and could not be procured.

Order'd, That Commodore Hazlewood furnish each Captain with a Copy of the Minutes of yesterday, with respect to issuing Orders through him, together with a copy of these.

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State Navy Board,
April 17th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)
Paul Cox.

An Order to Doctor Dunlap, to attend the Board this Morning.

An Order to Robert Towers to deliver Captain Alexander Henderson, Fifty Rounds Powder for a Twenty-four Pounder.

An Order on William Webb to John Flintham, for One pound six shillings & 8d., for Ten Mast Hoops for the Brig't Convention.

An Order on Robert Towers & William Richards, to supply Capt. Boyce with sundries in his Indent.

An Order to Benjamin Betterton, to supply Capt. Brown of the Putnam Battery, with a Water Cask & Harness Tub.

An Order to Capt. Richards, to supply Commodore Hazlewood with 6 Coils Cordage for Warps.

The Board being of opinion that a further number of Fire Ships is necessary.

Order'd, That Mr. Cox & Mr. Massey purchase a Ship lately belonging to George Meade & Company, now offer'd for sale.

Order'd, That Major Loxley be desired to go down immediately to where the Armed Vessells lays, and sight each of the Cannon that wants it.

Agreed with William Steward to go to Butcher's Quarry and carry Stone to Billings Port, with Two Flats @ five shillings per Perch.

An Order on Joseph Stiles to deliver Capt. Henry Martin, two Swivel Guns.

An Order on William Webb to John Williams, for One Hundred & fifty-three pounds four shillings & three pence, £153 4 3.

An Order on William Webb to Thom's Mires, for Five pounds Eight Shillings, for Twelve dozen Black Stone Porringers, £5 8.

An Order from the Pennsylvania War Office on Sharp Delany, for a supply of Medicines as this Board may want from time to time, and pursuant thereto, gave him an Order to put up two Chests Medicines for the Brigantine Convention's use, John Rice, Esq'r., Commander, and Schooner Delaware's, Isaac Roach, Esq,'., Commander, for a Cruise of six weeks, 50 Men each.

An Order on William Pritchard, to deliver Philip Wert all the provisions belonging to this State under his Care.

An Order on Mess'rs. Towers & Richards, to furnish Capt. Mitchell the Stores contain'd in his Indent.

Gentlemen:—By the information which this Board has received, it appears there are now several of the Enemies Ships

and Tenders in this Bay, and as none of the Armed Vessells belonging to this State can be employed in the Bay, except one Brigantine and one Schooner, which are already order'd down, the Board are apprehensive they may not be adequate to the purpose of keeping the Cape May Channel clear of the Enemies Cruizers, or of protecting the Inward and Outward Bound Vessells.

They, therefore, submit it to your honors, whether it wou'd not be for the Publick service to order such of the Continental Vessells, as are fit for the Purpose, down, to co-operate with the Vessells belonging to this State?

To the Honorable the Marine Committee of Congress.

Report being made to this Board that some of the officers Commanding Armed Vessells in the service, refuse or neglect to attend the Musters of their respective Companies, and as it is the duty of every Officer to attend on such occasions, and see that their Muster Rolls are right, The Board direct the Commissary General of Musters to return to them the names of all such Officers as shall so neglect or refuse; And that Commodore Hazlewood furnish every Captain with a Copy of this Minute.

Fifteen Copies of The following Orders were sent to the Commanding Officer of the fleet at Fort Island, to be by him deliver'd to the different Commanders as directed to them:

Sir:—The Executive Powers of this State having appointed John Hazlewood, Esq'r, the second in Command in the Naval Service of this State; You are from henceforth to Obey all Orders from this Board that shall come through him.

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State Navy Board,

April 18th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Andrew Caldwell,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Samuel Massey.

Order'd, That Capt. Wert deliver out of the Ammunition Sloop all the Grape Shot belonging to the Several Galleys.

An Order on William Crispin, to deliver to William Webb his Rations from the first of March last.

Order'd, Robert Towers, Esq'r, to furnish Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, now lying at her Station near Fort Island,

with a Gin if he has one to spare, if not, to get one immediately made.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Joseph Rudolph, formerly a Gunner belonging to Captain Cowpland, who received a hurt which disabled him, and has since return'd, and now Gunner to Captain Thomas Hazlewood, and not received any pay from the 1st last February, the Board being satisfied he is entitled to his pay Monthly as usual.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Jones, of the Ship Strumbulo, with 4 Blunder Bushes, 6 Musketts & 2 Swivells.

Order'd, Towers, Richards & Stiles, to supply Capt. Thompson with such Articles as each may have in their several departments, for the use of the new Guard Boat Dragon.

An Order on John Ennis, to supply Captain Simmons with 20 y'ds Old Canvas, and deliver'd Lieutenant Fell 14 Blanketts out of the Chamber, for the use of the Arnold Battery.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers & Joseph Stiles, to deliver Capt. Galt, of the Guard Boat Argus, such things as are Contained in his Indent.

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State Navy Board,

April 19th, 1777.

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Samuel Massey, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Paul Cox, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Joseph Marsh. |

An Order on William Webb to John Harrison, for six pounds for a Swivel Gun, Bo't for the Brigantine Convention, £6.

An Order on William Richards, for one Barr'l Tar, one Coil Spun Yarn & 300 w't Junk, for the Brigantine Convention.

An Order on William Richards, Robert Towers & Joseph Stiles, to supply Capt. Yorke with the sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, Towers & Stiles, to supply Capt. Brice with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Brice, for Eight pounds Thirteen Shillings, for Wood Bought for Brig't Volcano, £8 13.

An Order on William Webb to Derick Peterson, for One Hundred & Eleven pounds four shillings & four pence, for Boards for Derby Creek, £111 4 4.

An Order on William Webb to William Peterson, for One

Hundred & ninety-five pounds fifteen shillings and 8d., for Boards & Scantling, £195 15 8.

An Order on William Webb to Commodore John Hazlewood, for Two hundred & fifty pounds, £250.

An Order on William Webb to John Beasley, for Thirteen pounds Seventeen Shillings & six pence, £13 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Sharp, for four pounds, in full of four Reams paper, Bought of him by Paul Cox, £4.

Lewis Rue having Petitioned the Board and being well recommended, the Board have appointed him Second Lieutenant to the Armed Boat Bull Dog.

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State Navy Board,

April 21st, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons, Paul Cox,
Emanuel Eyre.

An Order on Robert Towers and Joseph Stiles, to deliver Commodore Hazlewood, Powder & Shot, with all the apparatus necessary for One Nine, Two Eight and two six pounders.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Bond, for Sixteen pounds Twelve Shillings & Six pence, for joiner's work on board the Convention, £16 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Bates, for Eight pounds five shillings, for an Anvil deliver'd Jacob Myers, £5 8.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Stonemats, for Ten pounds two Shillings & Sixpence, for Seventy-five Cedar Bolts, £10 2 6.

Upon information that the Marine Committee of Congress had, in Compliance with the requisition of this Board, Ordered the Brigantine Andrew Doria, Captain Robinson, down to Cape May, it was agreed to write the Captains Rice and Roach, to acquaint them therewith, vizt:

Sir:—In consequence of an application from this Board, The Honorable the Marine Committee of Congress have Order'd down the Brigantine Andrew Doria, Captain Isaiah Robinson, whose assistance we thought might be necessary in the service you are directed to.

By the Rules Established by the Honorable the Continental

Congress, the Officers of the United States Command all Officers of the like rank, belonging to any particular State when employ'd together.

Of course, Capt. Robinson will take the Command as soon as he joins you. You are, therefore, to follow his instructions on every occasion, (except they shou'd be contrary to those we have already given you,) and as the good of the service requires perfect unanimity in the Officers, we recommend it to you, to Cultivate a good Correspondence with each other. A copy of the above were sent to each Captain.

Sir:—The Board will be obliged to Capt. Robinson, if he will send the inclosed Letter as directed, when he goes down.

To Isaiah Robinson, Esq'r.,

Commander of the Brigantine Andrew Doria.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Montgomery with two Boxes Powder, for an Eighteen pounder.

Order'd, That Captains Blewer, Caldwell, Cox and Mr. Eyres, go down to-morrow to Billings Port, to settle how wide the gap shall be left open.

Order'd, That Commodore Hazlewood Attend the above Gentlemen.

Paul Nakervis, applying and being well recommended for Lieutenant of the Fire Sloop Aetna, he was appointed accordingly and Rece'd his Commission.

£3 4 6. An Order on William Webb to Joseph Blewer, for Three pounds four shillings and sixpence, for Expences in visiting the fleet at Fort Island.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Hardie, for Seven pounds ten Shillings for Horse hire, Express & Sundry Expences, per account, £7 10.

The following Order was sent to Commodore Hazlewood:

You are hereby Order'd to give immediate instructions to the Commanding Officer of the fleet not to suffer any sea Vessell whatever to pass through the Chevaux de Frizes, untill further Orders from this Board.

Mr. Massey & Capt. Cox are desired to Order the Cags of Hogs Lard, now in the Schooner Lydia, to be sold by Vendue on Wednesday next.

The Board of War having communicated a Letter from General Washington, informing that Hartshorne & Browne, of New Jersey, had sent a Vessell to this Port, & loaded with Flour, which went to New York; and that the Murrays, of New York, had sent a French Vessel, which was loaded here, and also went to New York;

Order'd, That Mr. Massey & Capt. Cox make the most diligent enquiry into this matter, and inform the Board.

Commodore Hazlewood is desired to Order down the Ship Strumbelo & Brigt. Volcano, with all expedition.

Sir:—The Board have received your letter of the 19th, which cou'd wish had been more particular; We hope Major Fisher, as soon as he knows your Station, will communicate from day to day what offers. As yet we are quite uncertain of the number of Ships of War that are in the Bay, which, as well as their force, wou'd be very proper to know.

We do not think it will be necessary to fire the alarm Guns, except in case of a fleet of Men-of-war and Transports appearing, as alarming the country upon other occasions is attended with ill consequences. You'l please, therefore, to conform to the rules laid down for communicating alarms by the printed instructions; but on every occasion send expresses to us, to acquaint us how things are circumstanced.

If it shou'd appear to you that the Enimy were likely to procure any number of Cattle, it will be proper for you to represent it to us, and from what place it wou'd be most likely for them to get them.

We approve of your securing the Gun at Reedy Island, and don't doubt but we shall be favored with very regular Inteligence from you.

To Capt. Leeson Simmons.

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State Navy Board,
April 22d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)
Paul Cox, Emanuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Blewer.

The Board went down to Billings Port, to fix the Gap to be left Open.

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State Navy Board,
April 23d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Emanuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson & Shearman, for Sixty-five pounds, for Casting Twenty Petards for the Fire Vessells, £65.

An Order on William Richards, to supply the Congress Galley with three pounds whipping twine.

An Order on William Webb, in favour of William Craig, for Two pounds for Mast Hoops, £2.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Capt. Hazlewood, of the Guard Boat Fame, with some things in his Indent.

An Order to Capt. Brown of the Putnam Battery, to supply Capt. Albertson with seventy shot of Eighteen ounces each, if they could be spared.

Thomas Jones, being well recommended by Captain Simmons as third Lieutenant of the Arnold Battery, the Board Granted him his Commission.

Order on William Webb to pay John Burmingham's Wife, a private on board the Brig't Convention, half of his Month's wages.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Gambel, for One pound fifteen shillings, for the pilotage of the Brig't Convention, Capt. John Rice, Esq'r., She drawing seven feet water, 5s. per foot, £1 15.

An Order on William Webb to William Ross, for One pound fifteen shillings, for the Pilotage of the Schooner Delaware, Captain Isaac Roach, Esq'r., She drawing seven feet water, 5s. per foot, £1 15.

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State Navy Board,

April 24th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Capt. Christie of the Brig't Vesuvius, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Griffith Jones, for Two pounds seventeen shillings & 6d., for sundry Men's work done on board the Ship Strumbelo, £2 17 6.

James Mekenison, Third Lieutenant of the Floating Battery Putnam, William Brown, Esq'r., Commander, having petitioned the Board to resign his Commission, which was accordingly granted him.

An Order on William Webb to William Bower, for ninety-six pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence, Ballance of his Account against the Ship Montgomery, £96 17 10.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Blewer, for One pound

One shilling, being the expences lading & storing 40 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. Iron, now in Colonel Knox's Store, £1 1.

An Order on William Webb to William Bradford, for One pound Twelve shillings, being for the freight of thirty-two dozen Brooms, £1 12.

An Order to Jacob Grantham, to deliver William Bower Three Barrels Turpentine, for the use of the Ship Montgomery.

Deliver'd to Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, Thirty-two yards Cloth for Quarter Cloths.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, two Boxes Cartridges with Powder, for an Eighteen pounder.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, Thirty-two Cartridges powder, for a Twenty-four pounder.

An Order on William Webb to William Harper, for Thirty-eight pounds Eighteen shillings & Seven pence, for 719lbs Tallow, put into Richards' Store, March 7th, last, £38 18 7.

The following orders were sent to Commodore John Hazlewood:

Sir:—You are desired by this Board to issue Orders immediately to Captain Webb of the Experiment Galley, to repair to Point-No-Point, about five miles up the River Delaware, & there lye, in order to examine every Shallop and Flatt passing from this City, and if any provision, Goods, Wares or Merchandize shou'd be found on board, without a permit from Ephraim Bonham, Charles William Peal, Jacob Bright or George Goodwin, or either of them, the said Shallop or Flatt having Goods on Board, to stop and detain, until a permit signed by one of the above named Gentlemen is produced.

In consequence of the aforegoing Order, the following was sent to the within named Gentlemen:

Gentlemen:—We have Order'd Commodore Hazlewood to station Captain Webb, of the Experiment Galley, at or near Point-No-Point, whose business will be to search all Shallops and Flatts passing from this City upwards, and if he shou'd find any Goods, Wares or Merchandize on board, without a permit signed by Ephraim Bonham, Charles William Peal, George Goodwin or Jacob Bright, or either of them, to detain said Shallop or Flatt untill a permit is produced and sign'd by either of the above Gentlemen.

You are requested to give Public Notice of this to all Shallopmen.

State Navy Board,
April 25th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Emanuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

Order'd, Thomas Casdrop & Thomas Davis to purchase what logs they shall want for building the Bridge over Schuylkill, and shou'd any refuse selling, to seize them immediately.

An Order on William Webb to Peletiah Webster, for Twenty-five pounds nine shillings and nine pence, for Old Junk & Rigging, £25 9 9.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

John Bazelle deliver'd to Elijah Dowe, by Order of this Board, 40 ct. 3 Q. 25lb of Iron, out of Colonel Knox's Store the 21st Inst., which came from Trenton, owner Unknown; at same time deliver'd Elijah Dowe a pair of Black Smith's Bellows.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Bennet, for Two pounds nine shillings & six pence, for Sixty-six pounds of Oakum, £2 9 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Donaldson, for Two Thousand Seven Hundred & forty-seven pounds, being the purchase money for the Ship Betsey, Bought of said Donaldson by Captain Cox, £2,747.

Agreeable to an application from the Continental Navy Board, for the following Ropemakers now in the fleet, have Order'd Commodore Hazlewood to send them up:

Arthur Kanady, Hugh McDowell,
Michael Purviance, Bristol, (a Negro Man.)
Florance Sellivan, Robert Crawford,
William Farley, ——— Jones,

From Mr. Tittermerry's Yard, Supposed on board the Congress Galley:

James Towl, Joseph Bristol,
John Bell.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Knox, for Two pounds for Two Month Storage of Iron, £2.

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State Navy Board,
April 26th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer.

Michael Ball, lately belonging to the Armed Boat Ranger, having apply'd for his discharge, the Board accordingly granted it.

An Order on William Webb to Michael Ball, for his wages to this Day, he being discharged as above.

An Order on William Webb to William Logan, late Gunner to the Brig't. Convention, Jno. Rice, Esq'r, Commander, for One Month's pay.

Thomas Perkins having Petitioned for a Commission, and being well recommended, the Board have appointed him to be Captain of the Fire Ship named the Hecla, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Four Hundred pounds, £400.

An Order on William Webb to pay Andrew Dice, ('s wife,) a private on board the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r., Commander, half of his Month's pay.

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Mason, (Sail Maker,) for Thirty-one pounds nine shillings, in full of his Account against the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r., Commander, £31 9.

Order'd, Captain Christie of the Fire Sloop Vesuvius, to deliver Captain Brice of the Fire Brigantine Vulcano, a Spare Cable.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for six pounds fifteen shillings, for 18 Days attendance as Waiter, 7s. 6d., £6 15.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday Afternoon.

The Board taking into consideration the necessity of immediately Manning the Fire Ships, have

Resolved, That a bounty of Twenty Dollars be given a Boatswain and to each Seaman that shall hereafter enter on board the Fire Ships belonging to this State.

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State Navy Board,

April 28th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Manuel Eyre |
| Paul Cox, | Joseph Blewer, |
| Samuel Massey, | Joseph Marsh, (on duty.) |

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Henderson One Barrel Tar.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Price, of the Convention Galley, his Month's pay.

An Order on William Webb to Gumming Bedford, for twenty-six pounds two sillings & six pence, for Wood for the Fire Ship Strumbelo, £26 2 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Cowpland with Stuff for five Bed Sacks.

An Order on William Webb, for twelve pounds, in favor of Richard West for himself and Ralph Clark, being for pilotting Brig't Convention & Schooner Delaware down the River, £12.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Verntz, for Fifty pounds for Iron Bolts for the Bridge over Schuylkill, on Account, £50.

An Order on William Webb to James Bringhurst, for Sixteen pounds sixteen shillings, for One Cask Spikes, £16 16.

Joshua Steetson having applyed for a first Lieutenancy on board the Fire Ship Hecla, which this board agreed to appoint him to the said vacancy.

An Order on Jacob Grantham to Captain Blair, for six Boards for the use of his Galley.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for Four Hundred pounds, on Account, £400.

An Order for Captain Gilbert to desire Captain Dougherty to deliver him two Swivel Guns, belonging to the Ship Montgomery.

Sir:—We have received information this day, that you have now on board the Galley under your command, one of the Fishermen, whom you detain as we apprehend, very unjustly, & this Board will by no means support the impress of any Man whatever; therefore, we order you as soon as you receive this message, to release the Man whose name we understand is Henry Myers: And Order you likewise remove your present Station, and come down as far as the lower end of Petty's Island between the two Channels, and there lye untill further orders. And also you are to appear at this board to-morrow Morning at ten o'clock.

To Capt. William Webb, Esq'r, of the Experiment Galley.

Gentlemen:—This board having occasion for half a dozen Kedge Anchors, wou'd esteem it a favor if you'l permit Daniel Offley (who is in your employ) to furnish them with the above number, and this board will, whenever it lies in their power, return the favor.

To the Honorable the Continental Navy Board.

State Navy Board,

April 29th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Ten pounds, on Account, £10.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for six pounds two shillings & Six pence, in full of his Account, £6 2 6.

Jonathan Braman being recommended by Captain Houston as a proper person for second Lieutenant of the Warren Galley, the Board gave him a Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Martin, of the Guard Boat Lyon, with forty yards sacking for the use of his men, and half a Raw Hide (to) leather his oars.

An Order on William Webb to James McNight, for Four pounds five shillings, in full for sundry men's work on board y'e Fire Ship Hecla, Thomas Perkans, Esq'r, Commander, £4 5.

Deliver'd Abraham Mason (April 11, Inst.) seventy yards Ozenbrigs, for the use of the Brigantine Convention.

Deliver'd Capain Charles Lawrence, of the Guard Boat Salamander, (April 15, Inst.,) four Blankets, for the use of his Men.

Deliver'd John Harrison (April 15, Inst.) Twenty-three Blankets, for the use of the Brigt. Convention.

Deliver'd John William Annis, four pieces Sail Duck, No. 7, 154 yards, for the use of Seven Armed Boats, April 21, Inst.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Craig, of the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, with some things in his Indent.

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State Navy Board,

April 30th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to William Bradford, for Four pounds fifteen shillings & six pence, for 4 Eleven Inch, 2 Ten Inch, 3 nine Inch, and 1 Six Inch files, which he paid Joel Lane for, £4 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Grice, for Thirty-one pounds seven shillings & six pence, for 1,319 feet of 2½ Pine plank, @ 40s. per hundred, for the Chevaux de Frize, & rafting the same, £31 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Snowden, for Eleven pounds seven shillings & Six pence, for Hides, £11 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Skilling, for Ten Shillings, for repairing a Camboose, £0 10.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Six Brushes, for the use of the fire Ships.

An Order on William Webb to Sacheverel Wood, for Thirteen pounds fifteen Shillings & four pence, for wood and sundries supply'd the Board going down to Fort Island, £13 15 4.

Captain John Webb, of the Experiment Galley, having solicited to resign his Commission, the Board accordingly granted it, and appointed John Harrison, Esq'r, (late Captain of the Guard boat Repulse,) to take Command of said Galley.

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State Navy Board,

May 1st, 1777.

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Joseph Marsh, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Paul Cox. |
| Manuel Eyre, | Samuel Massey. |

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to supply Captain Thompson & his men of the Guard Boat Draggon, with their Rations.

£37 10. An order on William Webb to Richards Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for one Month's Wages of himself & two boys.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Wade, for Twenty-eight pounds ten shillings, for Building & raising Chevaux de Frizes at Billingsport, last Summer, £28 10.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Richard Wells with a Jack for his Boat.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for One Hundred and fifty pounds, on Account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Thomas Perkans, Esq'r, of the Fire Ship Hecla, for Fifty-two pounds ten shillings, being One Hundred and Twenty Dollars Bounty for Ten Men, and Twenty Dollars Bounty for Boatswain, £52 10.

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to supply Cap-

tain Francis Gilbert & his men of the Guard Boat Thunder with their Rations.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Crofts, for Five pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, in full for Stores, Colours put on board the Schooner Delaware, £5 14 9.

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to supply Capt. Lisle and his men of the Guard Boat Resolution, with their Rations.

An Order on William Webb to Frederick Kisselman, for Twenty-six pounds fourteen shillings in full, for 514 lbs. Beef, @ 1s. per lb, and half Cord Hickory Wood, for the use of the Brigantine Convention and Schooner Delaware, £26 14.

An Order on William Webb, to pay the Wife of John Doyle, (Steward on board the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r, Commander,) the full of his wages from March 27, 1777, the time he entered on board said Brigantine.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Francis Bennet, Two pounds Seventeen shillings and nine pence, for 77 lbs. Oakum, £2 17 9.

An Order on William Webb, in favor Christian Fiss, for Five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and One penny, for Bread, Cheese & Beer, for Ship Montgomery, while heaving down, £15 17 1.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Beasley with some things in his Indent.

Resolved, That Mr. Marsh procure Logs to build some more Chevaux de Frizes.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Thirty-four pounds five shililngs and six pence, to pay the Blacksmiths at Fort Island, £34 5 6.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver John Annis 16 yards Bagging to Compleat Captain Brown's Aunin.

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State Navy Board,

May 2d, 1777.

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Samuel Massey, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Paul Cox, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Joseph Marsh, (on duty.) |

James Glasgow having Petition'd & being well recommended, the Board have appointed him to the first Lieutenancy of the Experiment Galley, gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Sam'l Skillin, for Eight pounds for Carving a Sea Nymph for Brigantine Convention, and a pair of Badges for Schooner Delaware, £8.

An Order on John M. Nesbitt to William Webb, paymaster, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

An Order on William Webb, in favor William Johnston, for One month's pay, his time being expired on board the Putnam Battery.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One Hundred & fifty pounds, on acco't, £150.

An Order on William Webb to Barbary Campbell, for her Husband's wages, who Inlisted March 29th, 1777, and Died 23d April following.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Brown, of the Guard Boat Brimstone, with Twenty-five Rounds Grape Shot ready made up.

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State Navy Board,
May 3d, 1777.

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Manuel Eyre, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Paul Cox, |
| Samuel Massey, | Joseph Marsh, (on duty.) |

An Order on William Webb to Steel & Newman, for Ninety-four pounds seventeen shillings & three pence, in full of their Account against the Fire Brigt. Vulcano, £94 17 3.

Samuel Lyon being Appointed first Lieutenant of the Dickinson Galley, the 7th April last, and having done his Duty on board said Galley from that time, the Board gave him his Commission, dated it the 7th April, 1777, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb, to pay James Wiley One Month's pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, deducting fifty-five shillings for a pair of Leather Breeches.

An Order on William Webb to Commodore John Hazlewood, for Thirteen pounds ten shillings, being Thirty-six Dollars, bounty for three men, Recruited by Captain Hance, £13 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Huddle, for One hundred pounds on Account, £100.

The Board have wrote a Letter this day to John Hubley, Esq'r, at Lancaster, desiring he wou'd send them Two Tons Hemp with the utmost Expedition.

Captain Alexander Henderson, of the Dickinson Galley, Ap-

pear'd at the Board, and said he wou'd not Obey the Orders that Came from Commodore Hazlewood. He was told by the Chairman that he must Obey or Resign, on which he deliver'd up his Commission, which the Board Accepted.

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State Navy Board,

May 5th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Paul Cox, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Manuel Eyre, |
| Samuel Massey, | Joseph Marsh. |

Deliver'd Captain Houston, of the Warren Galley, Twenty-four Jackets, six pair shoes and One dozen shirts, for the use of his Men.

The Board have appointed Lauchlan McClean to be Captain of the Dickinson Galley, in the Room of Captain Henderson, who has resign'd; Gave him his Commission, & swore him Accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Townsend, for Thirty-seven pounds thirteen shililngs for his & men's wages to the first May Inst., on Board the Sloop Industry, £37 13.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with One Box Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Reese Meredith, for Twenty-six pounds nine Shillings & Eleven pence, for 33 Barrs Iron, wt., 10 0 22, @ 52s. 6d. per Ct., d'd Elijah Dow, the 19th April last, £26 9 11.

An Order on William Webb, to Joseph Wade, of the State Sloop, for Thirty-two pounds, being for Wages for himself & people to the 5th Inst., £32.

The following Letter was sent to Commodore John Hazlewood:

Sir:—The board this Day took into their consideration, what they propose to do with the Ship Montgomery, Hugh Dougherty, Esq'r, Commander, have come to the following determination:

That she shall be immediately fitted out as a Guard Ship, to mount sixteen nine pounders, which are already proved and lye in the State House Yard; the Carriages lay on Huddle's wharfe, which we desire you to inspect.

You will on receipt of this, issue your Orders to Capt. Dougherty to take in what Ballast will be necessary, and to equip

the Ship with every necessary article, as also procure his hands with all possible Expedition.

On Complaint of Mary Barnes, that Captain Thompson of the Guard Boat Draggon, has enlisted Duncan M'Kinsey, a Servant belonging to her, this board Order'd said servant to be released.

An Order on William Webb to William Stewart and Orpheus Keemer, for Twenty pounds in full of Eighty pearch of Stone, for the use of sinking the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £20.

An Order on William Webb to Robbins, Dunn & Hale, for Five hundred & Twenty-one pounds One shilling & 3½, balance of their Account, £521 1 3½.

An Order on William Webb to Dunn & Hale, for One hundred & seven pounds Eleven shillings & ten pence, in full of their Account, £107 11 10.

An Order on William Webb to pay Hill & Marret, Two hundred & forty-two pounds Eighteen shillings & 10, in full of their Account, £241 18 10.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for Ten pounds five shillings, for Tinning, patching & making a new Cover for the Copper on board the Arnold Battery, and a Gun Ladle and Swivel for the Armed Boat Lyon, £10 5.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Gilbert, of the Armed Boat Thunder, Forty-Eight yards Sacking for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to pay William Robinson, sixteen Days' pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, William Brown, Esq'r, Commander.

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State Navy Board,

May 6th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Samuel Massey, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Paul Cox, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Joseph Marsh, (on duty.) |

Sir:—We received your Letters, and Observe their Contents, must leave you to act (with respect to the Boats) consistent with your own judgment, and as to the place where you are fix'd, if you find it will not answer the end of procuring the earliest Intelligence without fixing a Horse at the Trap, you must procure one for that purpose, or at any other place as you

think proper; and when you write to Major Fisher, please to desire him to direct his messages to us, by the form following: "To the State Navy Board."

You may consult Major Fisher about replacing the Boat that's lost, and if it can be practicable to keep up the intelligence by water, by all means do it. Likewise be pleased to inform Major Fisher, we should be glad to hear from the Guard Boats, what they are about, and what service they are performing; as also we desire you to let us know, from time to time, what Rice and Roach are doing.

To Capt. Leeson Simmons, at Port Penn.

Sir:—Last Evening we received a letter by Express from Henry Fisher, Esq'r, at Lewistown, advising of the Ship Roebuck making her way up the Bay, as also two other ships being up the Bay; and from this manuvre of his Majesties pirates, we are apprehensive that they intend up to procure water. As soon as you receive this, you will order all the Officers under your Command immediately to repair to their Stations, to hold themselves in readiness in case of Emergency.

To Commodore John Hazlewood.

An Order on William Webb to Hill and Marret, for Three pounds Six shillings & two pence, in full of their Account against the Ammunition Sloop, Captain Wert, and the Guard Boat Porcupine, Capt. Tatnall, £3 6 2.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for six hundred pounds on Account, £600.

An Order on William Webb to Emanuel Eyre, for One pound Twelve Shillings & Six pence, in full for a step for the Experiment Galley, and One and a half Day's work of George Streaton, £1 12 6.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Captain Hardy, of the Guard Boat Terror, with the sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Beasly, of the Guard Boat Viper, with Forty yards Sacking, for the use of his men.

An Order on William Webb to John Christie, Esq'r, Commander of the Fire Brigt. Vesuvius, for Fifteen pounds, being Forty Dollars, Bounty for two Seamen shipped by him, and to be charg'd to Commodore Hazlewood, £15.

The Board have apopinted Mr. Dickinson Surgeon Mate to Doctor Dunlap, in the fleet belonging to this State.

Sir:—The board desires you will have one of the Guard Boats ready to-morrow morning early, to take Doctor Dunlap, and a

mate, down to Reedy Island, to go on board the Brigt. Convention and Schooner Delaware. You are to order the Boats to Attend Doctor Dunlap and bring him up. Mr. Dickinson, the Mate, will be ready early in the morning, and the Guard Boat is to take Doctor Dunlap on board from the Hospital. Let the Chairman know when the Boat will be ready, & he will desire Mr. Dickinson to attend.

To Commodore Hazlewood.

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Captain Rice:—It is with great surprize the board rece'd your Letter this day, dated yesterday, informing that your Shot would not fit your Twelve-pounders, and you were hurried away, that you had not time to examine.

We think you have been two months fitting out, had repeated orders from the Commodore to be ready to sail at a minute's warning. You had orders to sail afterwards on a certain day, still your Vessel was detained. You had orders to have everything compleat, and now, after being down near a month, you say the shot will not fit.

Your Conduct is unpardonable, and if any misfortune happens for want of Stores, you shall answer for it.

If you are not Compleatly fit for action, you are immediately to return to Chester and wait on this Board.

To Capt. John Rice.

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State Navy Board,

May 7th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Samuel Massey, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Paul Cox, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Joseph Marsh, (on duty.) |

An Order on William Webb to Timothy Clark, for Fifty-one pounds sixteen shillings, in full for 74 Logs, @ 14s. per Log, received by John Smith for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, £51 16.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Daniel Mills One Month's pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, deducting fifty-five shillings for a pair of Leather Breeches.

An Order on William Webb to Adam Ekart, for Thirty-seven pounds Eight shillings & ten pence, in full for 6,808 feet Boards and plank, £5 10 per M., bought of him by Gunning Bedford, £37 8 10.

Order'd, Anthony Cuthbert to make, with the utmost Expedition, sundry Spars, &c., for the Schooner Delaware, and to furnish the Board with an Account thereof.

An Order on William Webb to Bowyer Brooks, for Two hundred & fifty-five pounds Two shillings & three pence, in full for Building two Guard Boats, for Captain Rew & Captain Thompson, and sundry Oars, Sweeps, &c., per account, £255 2 3.

An Order on William Webb to Thos. Fitz Gerald, (Blockmaker,) for one hundred & forty pounds five shillings & four pence, in full of his Account against the Galleys and different Vessells belonging to this State, £140 5 4.

£45. An Order on William Webb to William Burnce, for Forty-five pounds in full, for Twelve Spars for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, at Billings Port.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Dean Simmons a Quantity of Tallow, not exceeding Twelve hundred weight, which he is to make Candles of, @ 5d. per ℔.

Order'd, That Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, let Peter Brown have Benjamin Hall, a Blacksmith, now on Board, to make some Anchors for the fleet; at the same time he being always ready at Capt. Brown's call.

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State Navy Board,
May 8th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Samuel Massey, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Paul Cox, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Joseph Marsh, (on duty.) |

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Potts, of the Bull Dog Galley, with one Gallon of Oil, a Jug & four pound white Lead.

An Order on William Webb to Derick Cooper, for Three pounds, for four Sash lights, 8 by 16, @ 15s. per Light, for the Fire Ship Hecla, £3.

An Order on William Webb to George Janeway, for One Hundred and forty pounds five shillings, in full for Two Cables brought down from Trenton & put into Richard's Store, the beginning last January. Since which one has been put on Board the Delaware Galley—w. 7 1 0, @ £6 per Ct.,.. £43 10 0

One ditto, deliver'd Arthur Donaldson, for the Chevaux de Frize, at Billingsport—w. 14 9 14, @ do., .... 84 15 0

Allowed Twelve pounds, being expenses attending the above from Brunswick to Philadelphia, ..... 12 00 0

£140 5 0

An Order on William Webb, in favor of Captain Alexander Henderson for Eight pounds three shillings & nine pence, being a Ballance due for Expences in recruiting Men, per Account, £8 3 9.

An Order on William Webb to James Wharton, for One Hundred & Twenty-seven pounds Eighteen shillings, & 2d., in full for two Cables, &c., for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, deliver'd by Order of the Council of Safety, £127 18 2.

An Order on Jacob Myers, at Fort Island, to supply Colonel Jones with some Iron work that he stands in need of for Billingsport.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Rue, Captain of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, for Twelve pounds, being Bounty for Twelve Men he recruited, and seven shillings and six pence, being for the Porterage of the Ammunition for his Boat, £12 7 6.

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State Navy Board,

May 9th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Twenty-five pounds on Account, £25.

Order'd, Thomas Aptie, Work-house keeper, to deliver to Lieutenant Thomas Fell of the Arnold Battery, John Fitzpatrick & Thomas Preston, now in said Aptie's Custody.

An Order on William Webb to James Stewart, for Three pounds fifteen shillings, for fifteen perches of Stone for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, @ 5s. per perch, £3 15.

An Order on William Webb to Mary Bennet, for Two pounds five shillings for 60 lbs Oakum, 9d, £2 5.

William Martin being well recommended by Captain Thomas Moore, of the Hancock Galley, to be his first Lieutenant, the Board gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for Fifteen pounds Twelve shillings & Six pence, for Twenty-five days Attendance as Secretary, £15 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Gilbert, of the Guard Boat Thunder, for nine pounds, being Twenty-four dollars,

Bounty for Two Men recruited by him, & charg'd to Commodore Hazlewood, £9.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, for Twenty pounds on Account, £20.

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State Navy Board,

May 10th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre.

Sir:—The Board received yours with an Indent of sundries you mention'd. We call'd Captain Eyres, who was surprised at the Quantity of Rigging you wanted, as he imagined the Schooner was compleat in all her Stores, &c.

By Captain Wirt we have sent down the Spars you wanted, and One Coil Two Inch Ropes, One Coil of One & a-half Inch, One Coil of Twelve Thread, and One Coil of Nine thread Ratlines.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Allen, for Thirty pounds, for Twelve Cords wood for the use of the Fire Ship Hecla, £30.

This day Agreed to give Ebenezer Massey seventeen shillings and six pence per day as Secretary.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Wirt, for Five pounds three shillings & nine pence, for three Cords Hickory Wood and sawing, and repairing a Camboose, £5 3 9.

An Order on William Richards to George Wirt, to supply him with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Yorke, of the Cambden Galley, with his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers to supply Capt. Rice, of the Brigt. Convention, with such shot as he may want, and some Cartridge paper.

An Order on William Webb to John Pringle, for Sixty-nine pounds One shilling, in full for Junk, &c., Bought of him, £69 1.

An Order on William Webb to Warwick Coats, for Eighty pounds seventeen shillings & Six pence, in full of his Account against the fire Ship Hecla, £80 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Worrel, for Twenty-two pounds five shillings, for wood for the Ballast of the Fire Ship Hecla, £22 5.

An Order on William Webb to Shippen & Fisher, for nine pounds One shilling & six pence, in full of their Account, £9 1 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply John Smith with One Coil 3½ Inch Rope.

Order'd, Thomas Dewees, Jailor, to deliver a Certain James Hettry (who was put into his Custody as a Deserter) to Philip Wirt.

An Order on William Webb to David Thomson, for Five pounds five shillings, for 35 days Wharfage of the Fire Ship Strombolo, £5 5.

The Secretary has leave of Absence till Monday afternoon.

An Order on Robert Towers, for a Gun for the Putnam Battery, Captain Brown.

An Order on William Webb to Mrs. Ann King, for seventeen pounds twelve shillings, £17 12.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain Rice & Captain Roach, Esq'rs:

Gentlemen:—The Board receiv'd a Letter from Capt. Roach, requesting Liberty for some fresh Provisions.

We would desire you to consult Capt. Leeson Simmons, where is the most likely place to get it, and to agree with some person on the best terms to supply your Vessells with fresh provisions, agreeable to your rations, three days in the week, and draw on this board for same, which shall be paid.

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Sir:—The Board concur in opinion with you, that the Boats below you are of little use, and ought to be laid aside. We therefore beg you will, with the utmost expedition consult Major Fisher, and lay such a plan that the Intelligence may be quickly conveyed to Reedy Island or Bombay Hook as you shall think most desirable. We rely on your Judgments in this affair and hope it will be done with dispatch.

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State Navy Board,

May 12th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Webb to pay Robert Wade, Twenty-

eight pounds ten shillings, being for wages on Board the Black Duck, £28 10.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Brown with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. Alexander, the pay due John Story, on board the Dickinson.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. William Richards, Three Hundred & Twenty-four pounds 18s. 1½d., in full of his Account, £324 18 1½.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. John Brice, Thirteen pounds Ten shillings, for Bounty, for the Brig't Volcano, by Order of Commodore John Hazlewood, £13 10.

An Order on William Webb to Jeremiah Simons for Eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, being fifty dollars for the use of the Arnold Battery, Bounty, &c., £18 15.

Joseph Robinson being well recommended by Capt. Houston, to be his first Lieutenant of the Warren Galley, the Board gave him his Commission & swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Swirt, for Three pounds six shillings, in full of two Dozen Ink powder, @ 33s. per doz., £3 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply John Mitchell of the Armed Boat Ranger, with the Sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Thomas Hazlewood of the Armed Boat Fame, with the Sundries contain'd in his Indent.

A Request was made to James Wharton and Nathaniel Falconer, for the loan of One hundred Sheets of Tin and One Hundred & Twenty pairs of horn, promising to return them as soon as possible.

An Order on William Webb to Archibald Moffett, for Sixty-one pounds, for Flat hire of sixty-eight days @ 15s., and Damages Allowed, £61.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Thompson, for Eleven pounds for recruiting Eleven Men for the Armed Boat Ranger, £11.

Captain John Rice, of the Schooner Delaware, having requested of the Honorable the President of the Supreme Executive Council to resign his Commission, The Board Coincided and granted it accordingly.

State Navy Board,

March 13th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Robert Collings, (by Order of Henry Fisher,) for Two Hundred and sixty-seven pounds, £267.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Robert Collings, for Ten pounds and three pence, for 45 yards Canvas d'd Capt. Murphy, and 30 yards ditto delivered Captain Charles Lawrence, £10 0 3.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Betterton, for One Hundred and five pounds four shillings, for sundry articles of Cooperage deliver'd in the Store, £105 4.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Edward Pole Fifteen shillings, for two Powder horns, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Two hundred pounds five shillings & two pence half penny, being the Ballance of his Account, £200 5 2½.

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State Navy Board,

May 14th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Simons with 100 lbs Nails, 500 Pump Tacks & 12 lb Whipping Twine, for the use of the Arnold Battery.

An Order on William Webb to John Ross, for nine pounds, for an Iron Camboose, Bought of him by Captain Harrison, for the Experiment Galley, £9.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain John Harrison an old Studden Sail, for the use of the Experiment Galley.

An Order on William Webb to David Cumming, for six pounds, for Twelve large Tinn Lanthorns, £6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Lindall, for Fifteen shillings, for Haleing two loads shot for the Arnold Battery, £0 15.

An Order on Captain McLain, to deliver Captain John Rice, of the Brigantine Convention, four Swivel Guns.

Deliver'd Captain Thomas Moore one piece of Sail Duck, No. 3, 40 yards, and One dozen Sailors Jackets, for the use of the Hancock Galley.

Captain John Rice having solicited to be reinstated to the Command of the Brigantine Convention, and upon promising for the future, to be Assiduous and well behaved, the Board returned him his Commission.

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State Navy Board,

May 15th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Captain Perkans and his Men, of the Fire Ship Hecla, with Provisions.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers, to supply Captain Perkans, of the Fire Ship Hecla, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Twenty pounds on Account, £20.

Joseph Gamble (one of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots) appear'd before the Board this Day, and declared that he wou'd never Pilot another Vessel, let the consequence be what it will.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for Thirty pounds on account, £30.

An Order on William Webb to John Knox, for Nine pounds Eleven shillings & three pence, for Rum supply'd the Ship Montgomery last November, when she was Caulking, £9 11 3.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Andrew Mekenison Twenty-two days pay on board the Putnam Battery, William Brown, Esq'r, Commander, his time being up, deducting 15s. for a pair of Shoes, and 15s. for a pair Stockings.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Congea, for Twelve pounds sixteen shillings & six pence, in full for sundries put into Richards' Store, £12 16 6.

Captain William Allen having Petition'd the Board for the Command of the ship Montgomery, and being well known, they Accordingly Appointed him.

Sir:—The board received yours, and are pleased with the disposition you are making of the fleet.

We have sent to look for a Pilot, which shall be dispatched as soon as possible. The flat Bottomm'd boats shall be dispatched as soon as hands can be got.

To Commodore Hazlewood.

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State Navy Board,

May 16th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Paul Cox, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to pay Johnson & Tittermary, Two hundred and ninety-four pounds four shillings and three pence, for Rigging, £294 4 3.

An Order on William Webb to pay Philip Verntz, Fifty pounds, on Account, £50.

Wrote Commodore Hazlewood the following Letter, vizt:

Sir:—We request you will, with all expedition, proceed down the River with the fleet under your Command, to such distance as you shall think prudent, and if the Enemy shou'd come up so high as you think they may be Attack'd, we desire it may be done. Leaving the management to your prudence, we heartily wish you success.

We sent off yesterday, Michael Dawson to Derby Creek, and this morning, Matthew Strong and William Ross to take Charge of the fire Vessells at the Island. On board the Schooner, you will find 13 Barrels Pork, 13 of Beef, 30 of Bread, and two Hogsheads Rum. The Guard Boats that are in Town shall be hurried off.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Captain Cowpland of the Guard Boat Hawk, with sundries in his Indent.

An order on William Webb to Dean Timmons, for Twenty-seven pounds Eighteen Shillings & 1½, in full for Making 1,135½ lbs. Candles, @ 5d. per lb, and twenty Boxes, @ 4s. each, £27 18 1½.

An Order on William Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, to deliver Captain Martin Wirt, Twenty Barrels Bread, two Hogsheads Rum and nine Bushels Potatoes.

£16. An Order on William Webb to Joseph Hutton, for Sixteen pounds, for a Boat for the use of the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, Capt. James Craig.

£13 14. An Order on William Webb to pay John Hellings, Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings, for 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. Bar Iron, deliver'd Jacob Myers at Fort Island.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Condy, for Eight pounds, for Two Telescopes supply'd Capt. Boyce & Capt. Christie, £8.

An Order on William Webb to Edward Pole, for Fifteen shillings, for two powder horns, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Trimble, for Thirteen pounds four shillings & two pence, in full for 2,014 feet of Boards, @ 12s. per hundred, and Thirty Offill pieces @ 9d. each, sold Gunning Bedford, £13 4 2.

An Order on William Webb to Martin Pendergast, for Forty-two pounds six shillings & 3d., in full for sundries put into the store that Jacob Grantham has the care of, £42 6 3.

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State Navy Board,

May 14th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., William Bradford, (on duty,)
Paul Cox, Emanuel Eyre, do.,
Joseph Marsh.

Deliver'd Capt. Gilbert, of the Guard Boat Thunder, 3 Blankets and 20½ yards Blanketing.

Order'd, William Richards to supply Captain Cowpland with 5 yards Canvass for his Am. Chest and harness Tub.

An Order to Robert Towers, requesting him to inform this Board what Quantity of Eighteen pound Catriges is fill'd for the use of the Galleys.

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State Navy Board,

May 19th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Sixty-four pounds, for 25 Pine logs he Bought for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £64.

An Order on William Webb to Bowyer Brooks, for Forty-six pounds twelve shillings and six pence, for 9 Galley sweeps and Fifty Short Oars, £46 12 6.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Ransea Two pounds ten shillings, for Lodging five Men belonging to Capt. Martin, of the Guard Boat Called the Lyon, £2 10.

An Order on William Richards to deliver Captain Watkins of the Guard Boat Brimstone five Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Bryon Connely, for four pounds, in full for Haleing 24 Gun Carriages and some Logs, for the Province Ship, £4.

An Order on Captain Richards, to supply Captain Garland, of the Chatham Galley, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for Four Hundred & Eight pounds seven shillings and six pence, for Logs Contracted by Thomas Davis with Simon Westfal and Company, by Order of the Council of Safety, for the Building of the Bridge over the River Schuylkill, £408 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for One Hundred and sixty-eight pounds Ten Shillings, for 28 Logs, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £168 10.

The Board have appointed Nicholas Himan to be Master and Pilot of the Brigantine Convention, and to Allow him Forty-two Dollars per month.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Miller, for Sixteen shillings and three pence, for sealing wax and waffers, which Andrew Beck Bought of him, £16 3.

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State Navy Board,
May 20th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Stuart and Keemer, for Eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, for seventy-five perch of stone they brought from Butcher's Quarry, on Schuylkill, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £18 15.

An Order on William Webb to John Wisemonger, for Four pounds sixteen shillings, for 8,000 pump nails put into the provincial Store, @ 12s. per M., £4 16.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One Hundred & fifty pounds on Account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to William Salsbery, for Fifty-three pounds four shillings & One penny, in full of his Account, £53 4 1.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Crofts, for seven pounds Twelve shillings and six pence, for Painting the Guard Boat Thunder, £7 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Thomas, for seven pounds Ten shillings, for Clearing Donaldson's Wharfe and Haleing an Eighteen pounder from Huddle's Wharfe to the Distilhouse, £7 10.

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State Navy Board,

May 21st, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Paul Cox, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

The Board have appointed Andrew Higgins to be Pilot on Board the Schooner Delaware, & to Allow him Forty-two Dollars per month.

An Order on William Webb to Edward Pole, for Fifteen shillings, for Two Cannon Powder Horns, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to John Williams, for Forty-three pounds nineteen shillings, for Forty-one Boat Oars, 816 feet, @ 10d., and nine Galley Oars, 199 feet, @ 1s., £43 19.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for Seventeen pounds Twelve Shillings and six pence, in full of his Account, £17 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to James Brown, for Twenty-one pounds Ten Shillings, Ballance due him for recruiting and Shipping his Men, &c., per account, £21 10.

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State Navy Board,

May 22d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer.

£4 9. An Order on William Webb to Robert Bass, for Four pounds nine shillings, for Medicine procur'd by Doctor Rush, for the service of the Men belonging to the Armed Boats, while said Rush attended them.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Forty pounds on Account, £40.

An Order on John Parrock, to deliver Hemp put into his Store by John Hide from Trenton, to Johnson & Tittermary.

An Order on William Webb to Emanuel Eyre, for Two

pounds, for his and Mr. Bradford's Expences going down to the fleet at Chester and Hook, the 17th Instant, May, £2.

An Order on John Parrock, to deliver Stacy Hepbourn, One Ton of Hemp out of his Store.

Order'd, Commodore Hazlewood, to send for John Shee, a Private on board the Schooner Delaware, and when come, to attend the Board.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Gilbert, for seven pounds ten shillings, Ballance due him for Bounty and shipping his Men, per Account, £7 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain William Lyell, for Fifteen pounds seventeen Shillings and six pence, Ballance due him for Bounty & Expences, enlisting his Men, per Account, £15 17 6.

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State Navy Board,

May 23d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd Captain George Garland, of the Chatham Galley, the 19th Inst., (May,) out of the Lodge Store, Two dozen Shirts, One dozen pair Shoes, and Six Jackets, for the use of his Men.

Deliver'd Lawrence Larson, second Lieutenant of the Schooner Delaware, the 19th Inst., (May,) Twelve Shirts and Six Blue Jackets, for the use of her Men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Robert Tatnall of the Armed Boat Porcupine, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to pay Valentine Suaks, Four pounds Ten shillings, for a Fish House Erected at Mantua Creek, £4 10.

An Order on William Webb to Master and Lawrence, for Seventy-six pounds ten shillings, for Fifty-one Red Oak Hogsheads, d'd J. Grantham, at Thirty shillings each Hogshead, £76 10.

Robert Collings having apply'd to be made first Lieutenant of the Ship Montgomery, and being well known, the Board gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, five Gallons of Oil.

State Navy Board,

May 24th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Francis January Fifty-four pounds, for 540 lbs. Chain for the Fire Ships, @ 2s. per lb., £54.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Jacob Grantham One of the Sails in the Store, for the use of the Fire Rafts.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Thirty-three pounds, for Thirty-three Pine Logs Bought of Azariah Orin, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £33.

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State Navy Board,

May 26th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply the Ammunition Sloop with some Boxes of Powder which had been taken out by the Galleys.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Lyell with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply four Cartridges for the Signal at Chester.

The Board taking into Consideration that the fire fleet wants a Pilot, have appointed Frederick Bird Pilot of said Fleet, who is, at all times, to obey the Orders of the Commodore, for which he is allowed Forty-two Dollars per month, and two Rations.

Jacob Bird is appointed Captain of the Sloop Defiance, in the Room of Frederick Bird, Promoted.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Henry Martin Sixteen pounds and six pence, being in full for Recruiting of Men, £16 0 6.

Deliver'd Henry Martin, of the Armed Boat Lyon, Five Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on David Potts, to deliver Jacob Myers, One Ton of Bar Iron.

An order on William Webb to Hugh Montgomery, for Twenty-six pounds five shillings, being seventy Dollars, Bounty for Men recruited for his Galley called the Effingham, £26 5.

Deliver'd Thomas Johnson (one of the Effingham men now sick in the Hospital) one Russia Sheeting shirt.

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State Navy Board,

May 27th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Crispin, Esquire, Commissary, to supply the Chevaux de Frize Pilots with three Rations per day, from the 20th Instant, May.

Alexander Campbell having Petitioned to be third Lieutenant of the Floating Battery Called the Putnam, and being well recommended, the Board gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to John Bazelee, for One pound Twelve shillings and six pence, for One Gun Carriage, One Bed and One Quim, for the Armed Boat Hawke, £1 12 6.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Boyce, of the Franklin Galley, One Barrel of Tar.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Thompson, of the Dragon Armed Boat, four Sail needles, Twelve fathoms of 2½ Inch Rope, and One Frying pan.

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State Navy Board,

May 28th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for fifty-four pounds fourteen shillings and One penny, in full for fresh Provisions supply'd Captains Rice and Roach at Reedy Island, per Account, £54 14 1.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, Eight pounds of Lamp Black.

An Order on William Webb to Nicholas Young, for Five pounds, for a Camboose for Captain McFatrick, £5.

James Stephen having petitioned for a Second Lieutenancy on board the Ship Montgomery, and being well recommended, the Board gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

Resolved, That the Chevaux de Frize Pilots, do strictly Attend to the Instructions given them by the former Committee of Safety, dated November the seventh, Seventeen hundred and seventy-five, Especially the Sixth Article, for which each of them (from the Twentieth Inst., May,) shall be allowed Eighteen pounds per month, with three Rations per day.

An order on William Richards to John Annis, for six pieces Russia Duck, and a foresail for the use of the Schooner Lydia, Captain Philip Wirt.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver four Catridges of Powder, for the use of the Signal Guns at Gloucester.

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State Navy Board,

May 29th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to pay William and James Stuart, seventeen pounds ten shillings, for the freight of seventy perches of Stone from Schuylkill to the Peers, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, @ 5s. per perch, £17 10.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. Thomas Moore, Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for Bounty Money, per order from Commodore Hazlewood, £37 10.

An Order to Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Harrison of the Experiment Galley, One Hundred and Fifty weight of Junk.

An Order on William Webb to Elizabeth Ross, for fourteen pounds twelve shillings and two pence, for Making Ships' Colours, &c., put into William Richards' Store, £14 12 2.

An Order on William Webb to David Potts, for Thirty-nine pounds four shillings and one penny, for Twelve hundred and seven pounds of Bar Iron, d'd Jacob Myers, @ 65s. per Ct., £39 4 1.

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State Navy Board,

May 30th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd out of John Parrock's Store, the 22d Inst., May, to Johnson and Tittermary, 5,692 lbs. Hemp, which belonged to

one Wilkinson, Rope Maker of New York, and suspected to have Robbed the Mail at Bristol, in the month of November last.

An Order on William Richards to Captain William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, for Thirty pounds of Red paint, and four Gallons of Paint Oil.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, Fifteen pounds Red paint, Eight pounds of Yellow paint, Two Barrels Lamp Black, and three Gallons Flaxseed Oil.

Deliver'd Stacy Hepbourn, out of John Parrock's Store, Sixteen Hundred and Forty-two pounds Hemp, the Twenty-second Inst., May.

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State Navy Board,

May 31st, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Thomas Bryan One pound five shillings for a Coffin made for Christopher Miller, Deceas'd, (late a Private on board the Brigantine Convention,) in the month of February last, £1 5.

Deliver'd Captain William Watkins, of the Guard Boat Brimstone, five Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Corgae, for Five pounds Eighteen shillings and five pence, in full for Iron work done for the Guard Boat Thunder, Capt. Francis Gilbert, £5 18 5.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Eleven pounds five shillings, for Thirty Days attendance as Waiter, @ 7s. 6d., £11 5.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain William Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, Two Barrels of Tar.

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State Navy Board,

June 2d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

Put into William Webb's hands, by the Secretary, Five

pounds Ten shillings, being Bounty Money return'd, that a Certain John Hannigan had received of Capt'n John Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, and had been Inlisted at the same time in one of the State Company's of foot; also One pound five shillings, being a balance received of One of Captain Brown's Men, his time being up, on board the Putnam Battery, £6 15.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, to deliver Captain William Allen Sixteen Nine pounders, which were cast on purpose for the State Ship called the Montgomery.

The Board have appointed John Wilson to be Master of the State Ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Thirty-eight pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, in full of sundry Blacksmiths' work done at Fort Island, £38 14 9.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Twelve pounds on Account, £12.

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State Navy Board,

June 3d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Webb to Gerrardus Clarkson, for Three pounds seven shillings & six pence, for Medicine, &c., per acco't, £3 7 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Philip Wirt with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Wirt, for Two pounds five shillings, £2 5.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, with One Box of Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Mathias Young, for Forty-seven pounds Ten shillings and six pence, in full of Painting sundry Guard Boats, &c., per account, £47 10 6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full of One Month's wages of himself & two Boys, £37 10.

An Order on William Webb to Manuel Eyre, for Twenty-seven pounds nineteen shillings & seven pence, in full for 2,028 feet of Pine Boards, @ 20s. per f't, and 154 feet of Inch Plank, @ 1s. per foot, for the Arnold Battery, per Account, £27 19 7.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson and Shearman, for sixty-six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for Twenty Petards, and taking a Bullet out of a Eighteen Pounder belonging to this State, per Account, £66 17 6.

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State Navy Board,
June 4th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

Deliver'd Captain Benjamin Thomson, of the Guard Boat Draggon, six Blankets for the use of his men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Montgomery with sundries in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain William Lyell, of the Guard Boat Resolution, six Blankets for the use of his men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Hardy with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Thomas, for Forty-two pounds twelve shillings and one penny, in full of Iron work done for sundry Vessells belonging to the State, per Account, £42 12 1.

Captain Blewer agreed with Pearson and Shearman, for Forty Howits.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Casdrop and Davis, Three Barrels of Tar, for the use of the Bridge over Schuylkill.

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State Navy Board,
June 5th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, do.
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Steel and Newman, for Two hundred and Twenty pounds six shillings and six pence, for making four Chains for Moorings for the Bridge over Schuylkill, wt. 2,186 lbs., @ 2s. per lb, and Thirty-four shillings and six pence porterage of do., down to Schuylkill, £220 6 6.

An order on William Richards, to supply Captain Clark of the Fire Sloop Aetna, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Coburn, for Forty-one pounds Eleven shillings and nine pence, for sundry Men's work on board the fire Ship Strumbelo, Captain Griffith Jones, and fire Brig't Vulcano, Capt. John Brice, £41 11 9.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, Ten yards of Canvas.

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to Supply Captain Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with his back rations, and Eleven of his Men with nine days' Back rations.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, Ten fathoms of Ratline and some Rope for Halliards, for the Flag Staff at Derby Creek.

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State Navy Board,

June 6th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Penrose & Low, for Four pounds nineteen shillings, for a Latteen yard for the Convention Galley, and six Buoys for the Brigantine Convention, Capt. John Rice, per Account, £4 19.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Offley and Son, for Twenty-three pounds nine shillings and two pence, Ballance of their Account, £23 9 2.

Captain Blewer and Joseph Marsh, being appointed yesterday by the Board to survey the Chevaux de Frize, and to sound the Middle Channel, do report—there is sufficient water for a Vessell drawing from Twelve to Eighteen feet water.

Resolved, That Mr. Marsh be appointed to attend the building a sufficient number of Chevaux de Frize, for the Obstructing of the Middle Channel.

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State Navy Board,

June 7th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to William Thomas, for Five pounds, for Haleing Ten Guns from the State House Yard to the Ship Montgomery, £5.

Resolved, That Captain Blewer and Manuel Eyre wait upon Mr. Rittenhouse, to desire him to advance the Board Ten Thousand pounds for the use of the State.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

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State Navy Board,

June 9th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Blewer,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Robert Burridge his Monthly pay as second Lieutenant to the Burke Galley, he not being in the Muster a Lieutenant.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Christie, of the Fire Brigt. Vesuvius, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Frederick Bird Three pounds, being for going on board the Fire Brigt. Vesuvius on the late alarm as Pilot, £3.

£20.—An Order on William Webb, to Pay John Hide Twenty pounds for bringing down from Trenton a Quantity of Hemp, which this Board has taken possession of untill an Owner appears. Supposed to belong to One Wilkinson.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Lewis Pankake (a Gunner on Board the Eagle Guard Boat, Capt'n Murphy) his wages.

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State Navy Board,

June 10th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, which sum is to be Accounted for by the Board to John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, £5,000.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for Twenty-four pounds, for Two months' wages, @ £12 per month, £24.

An Order on William Crispin, to deliver Jacob Grantham Twenty Gallon spirits, to distill into Spirits of Wine, for the use of the Fire Ships.

Captain Philip Wirt rece'd from Capt'n Richards 19 Barrels Beef, 6 Barrels Pork and two Barrels Bread; and from William Crispin 16 Barrels Bread and two Kegs Bread, One Barrel Rice and One Barrel Salt.

Order'd, Philip Wirt to put on board the Brigt. Convention, John Rice, Esq'r, Commander, six weeks' Provisions, vizt:

15 Barrels Beef.
5 ditto Pork.
17 ditto Bread & One Keg.
1 Tierce Rum.

Order'd, Philip Wirt to put the same quantity as above on board the Schooner Delaware, Capt. Eyres.

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State Navy Board,

June 11th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Stephen Beasley Eleven pounds Two shillings and six pence, being the Ballance of his Account for Recruiting, &c., £11 2 6.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Martin One Ten Gallon Cag.

Put into William Webb's hands, by Paul Cox, Three hundred & six pounds sixteen shillings, £306 16.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Capt's Rice and Eyres with such double head shot as they want.

An Order on William Webb to Enos Sickler, for Forty-one pounds, for Forty-one Barrels of Tarr put into Jacob Grantham's Store, £41.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Edward Yorke, of the Camden Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver to Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware, Fifty yards of Ozenbrigs for the use of his men, which he is to pay for.

Deliver'd Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware, out of the Lodge Store, Twenty Jackets and Twenty Shirts for the use of his men, which he is to pay for.

An Order on William Webb to Paul Cox, for One Hundred and Thirty-four pounds nine shillings four pence half-penny, in full for sundries per Bills, £134 9 4½.

Deliver'd Johnson and Tittermary, 3,772 lbs. of Hemp, the 4th June, Inst., and 1,603 lbs. this day, sent by Mr. Hubley from Lancaster.

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State Navy Board,

June 12th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Paul Cox.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, with Eight hundred nine pound shot.

An Order on William Webb to Gerardus Clarkson, for Fifteen pounds, for Medicine and Attendance to fifteen men of the Floating Battery Putnam, £15.

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State Navy Board,

June 13th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Cowpland with sundries in his Indent.

Requested of the Continental Navy Board, to Lend Gunning Bedford five hundred feet of Oak or Pine Plank, for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One hundred and Fifty pounds, on Account, £150.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Galt of the Guard Boat Argus, One Frying pan, One drink Can and One short Pendant.

Deliver'd Captain Galt of the Guard Boat Argus, Ten Blankets for the use of his men.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, five Coils of Cordage.

Deliver'd Captain Beasley of the Guard Boat Viper, nine Blankets for the use of his Men.

Order'd Jacob Myers at Fort Island to supply Colonel Jones, at Billingsport, with two hands from his Shop, One pair of Bellows and some Tools, for Two or Three months.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, a Cable that's in the Store.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, 500 pump nails and One hammer.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Capt. Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, one Hundred and Sixty Round of Grape Shot for a nine pounder.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Beasly One pair of Blunderbusses.

By request of General Mifflin, the Board has Order'd One Galley and six of the Guard Boats up to Bristol.

An Order on William Webb to John Cole, for One Hundred and Thirty-eight pounds 6s. 4d., in full for building a Galley, and for 326 feet of Oars put into the Store, per Account, £138 6 4.

Deliver'd Captain Martin of the Guard Boat Lyon, six Blankets for the use of his Men.

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State Navy Board,

June 14th, 1777.

Present:

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| William Bradford, C. M., | Joseph Massey, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Samuel Massey, |
| Joseph Blewer, | Paul Cox. |

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for One Hundred and ninety-one pounds Ten shillings, to pay the Signal Men, £191 10.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Smith six hundred pounds, £600.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Elijah Dow One Hundred and seventy-five pounds two shillings & 11d., Ballance of his Account, £175 2 11.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Commodore Hazlewood with such Ammunition & shot as he may want for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Henry Tudor Sixty-seven pounds ten shillings, for Forty-five days as Pilot on Board the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r, Commander, £67 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain William Allen, for One Hundred pounds, for Bounty Money for men he is to Ship for the State Vessel Called the Montgomery, £100.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Allen with

what Langrage he may want, and One on Jacob Grantham, to supply him with Cordage, for the use of the ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Philip Wirt Thirty Barrels of Beef, and One on William Crispin, to deliver him as Much Bread as he can Conveniently take on board, and Two hogsheads of Rum.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Martin Wirt, of the Ammunition Sloop, with half a Barrel Pork, and one Barrel of Bread.

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State Navy Board,

June 15th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Casdrop & Davis Two hundred pounds on Account, £200.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasu'r, to William Webb, for Two Thousand pounds, £2,000.

An Order on William Webb to Commod. Hazlewood, for One hundred pounds, £100.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for Five hundred pounds, £500.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver George Wirt Thirty Barrels of Beef and all the Oars, or as Many as he can take.

In consequence of a Letter received from the Continental Navy Board, the board had a Conference this Day at the Coffee House.

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State Navy Board,

June 16th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Honnil, for six pounds nine shillings, for Two cords wood, Haleing and sawing, for the use of the State Ship Montgomery, £6 9.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Allen One Iron Pot, for the use of the State Ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Davis, for seven pounds Eight shillings and nine pence, in full of his Account against sundry Vessells belonging to this State, £7 8 9.

Deliver'd Captain Simmons, of the floating Battery Arnold, Twelve Blankets, for the use of his men, by the hands of Thomas Fell, Lieutenant.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Hazlewood, of the Guard Boat Fame, for Six pounds of Candles, One hand Vice and One scain of twine.

Deliver'd Captain Griffith Jones, of the Fire Ship Strumbelo, six Blankets, for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to Mathias Bush, for Twenty-five pounds, for Five Barrels of Vinegar deliver'd at the Provincial Store.

An Order on William Webb to James Stewart, for seven pounds ten shillings, for Thirty perches of Stone landed on Fort Island, which he brought out of Schuylkill, £7 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain John McFatrick, for Fifty-six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, Ballance due him in recruiting Men, per Account, £56 17 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captains Hanse and Hardie with sundries in their Indents.

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State Navy Board,
June 17th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Hasselberg, for Nineteen pounds six shillings & six pence, for sundries put into Richards' Store per Account, £19 6 6.

Deliver'd Captain Hanse of the Guard Boat Vulture, six Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Allen six provision Bags, One Box of Candles and one pint measure.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Verntz, for One Hundred and Eighty-eight pounds Eight shillings and seven pence, Ballance of his Account against the Bridge on Schuylkill River, £188 8 7.

An Order on William Richards and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards to supply Captain Hanse of the Guard Boat Vulture, with five yards of Stuff for Grape Shot.

Resolved, That Jeremiah Holden be appointed a Pilot in the State fleet, to go on board such Vessells as this Board or the Commodore may Order, he being allow'd Eighteen pounds per month and three Rations a day.

Sir:—You will please proceed down to Port Penn, and follow our former Instructions, and examine if the Boats are at their Stations, and acquaint Mr. Fisher if you can, that they are continued.

Some of the Captains, (Jackson and Brooks,) Petition'd some days ago to have their wages raised; you will please to acquaint them it cannot be done.

To Captain Leeson Simmons.

Deliver'd Captain Robert Hardie of the Guard Boat Terror, four yards Ozenbrigs, out of the Lodge Store for the use of his Men.

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State Navy Board,
June 18th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Robert Wade, for Sixteen pounds ten shillings, for One Month's wages of himself & two men, due the 10th Inst., £16 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Duchee, for Twenty pounds, for a small Skift Joseph Marsh Bought of him, £20.

Deliver'd Captain John Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, ten Shirts, five Jackets and Twenty-five yards of Ozenbrigs for the use of his Men.

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State Navy Board,
June 19th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

Order'd, Commodore Hazlewood to deliver Peter Brown, Six Blacksmiths out of the fleet.

An Order on William Webb to Timothy Clark, for Sixty-four

pounds five shillings, for Floor Timbers and Logs, and five Days work of his Team, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, per Account, £64 5.

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State Navy Board,
June 20th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, with Ladles & worms.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Michael Sisk One pound Two shillings and six pence, for Masoning up the Camboose on board the Sloop Liberty, £1 2 6.

The Board received from Captain Henry Dougherty Eighteen (pounds) fifteen Shillings, being the Money he received from Commodore Seymore for the recruiting service, and paid the same into the hands of William Webb, Esq'r, paymaster to the State Navy, £18 15.

Deliver'd Captain McFatrick Twelve Blankets and ninety-six yards of Ozenbrigs, for the use of Men on board the Washington Galley.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for seven pounds ten shillings, for Twenty days attendance on this Board, £7 10.

Deliver'd Captain Perkins, of the Fire Ship Hecla, seven Blankets, for the use of his Men.

Put into William Webb's hands, by Samuel Massey, six hundred pounds, £600.

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State Navy Board,
June 21st, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver William Crispin Two Barrels of Beef, for the use of the workmen at the Chevaux de Frizes.

Resolved, That William Richards do immediately furnish this Board with an Exact Account of Every Article Belonging to this State now in his possession.

Resolved, That William Richards, with Andrew Ten Eick, and the Negro Adam, be discharg'd on the first day of July next.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

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State Navy Board,

June 23d, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb, to pay Muffet and Seeds One Hundred and sixty-four pounds Ten shillings and six pence, for Iron work for the Chevaux de Frize, at Billingsport, £164 10 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Townsend, of the Sloop Industry, with sundries for said Vessel.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver John Annis Two Bolts of Russia Duck for a Jibb for the Sloop Industry, Capt. Townsend.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Hannah Binder seven pounds ten shillings for Twenty-five Powder horns, £7 10.

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State Navy Board,

June 24th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas McWaters, for Forty-nine pounds Ten Shillings, for nine Flats Load of Stone Deliver'd Arthur Donaldson for the Chevaux de Frize, and One Flat Load of Ballast for the Ship Montgomery, per Account, £49 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Sherrard, for Six pounds nine shillings, for two Cords of wood and sawing, for the Ship Montgomery, £6 9.

An Order on William Webb to pay John Cornish, Fourteen pounds ten shillings, for Twenty-seven sets of Carriage Trucks for Ship Montgomery, £14 10.

An Order on William Webb to Johnson and Tittermary, for

Two hundred and Forty-six pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, being the Ballance of their Account, £246 19 7.

Deliver'd Captain Benjamin Rue, Twelve Blankets for the use of his Men on board the Guard Boat Fire Brand.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Wirt of the Schooner Lydia, with several articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Manuel Eyre, for Five pounds thirteen Shillings, for 113 feet of three inch Plank for the Arnold Battery, £5 13.

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for Seventy-three pounds six shillings and one penny, Ballance of his Account to ye 11 Inst., June, £73 6 1.

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State Navy Board,
June 25th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to William Clifton, for Fifty-two pounds Ten shillings, for 700 lbs. Six Inch Spikes, for the Chevaux de Frize, £52 10.

An Order on William Richards to Jacob Myers, for One Ton of Bar Iron.

Order'd, William Webb, (Pay Master,) to Settle with Mr. John Dean, (late third Lieutenant of the Arnold Battery,) agreeable to Captain Simmons' Certificates.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for Thirty-five pounds Eighteen shillings & nine pence, for 41 days' Attendance as Secretary, at 7s. 6d., and 1s. 3d. for laces, included per Account, £35 18 9.

An Order on William Webb to Blaze Byer, for Thirty-two pounds 3s. 1½d., for Two Barrels Linseed Oil, 77½ Gall's @ 8s. 3d., and Porterage 3s. 9d., £32 3 1½.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbitt to William Webb, for Four Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-five pounds, £4,825.

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State Navy Board,
June 26th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd Captain Cowpland of the Guard Boat Hawk, Twelve Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to David Henderson, for Eighty-two pounds ten shillings, for Logs for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, £82 10.

£6. An Order on William Webb to John Parrock, for Six pounds, for six months' storage of Hemp.

An Order on William Webb to George Garland, for Nineteen pounds Eleven shillings and three pence, Balance of his Account, £19 11 3.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Fitzgerald, (Block-maker,) for Forty-five pounds fourteen shillings & 4, in full of his Account, against sundry Galleys & Guard Boats, £45 14 4.

An Order on William Webb to Meredith & Coburn, for One hundred and Forty-five pounds, for a Cabel, wt. 20 2 24, @ £7 per Cwt., £145.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Emhard, for One pound Two shillings and six pence, for haleing two Loads of Rigging and one Anchor to Schuylkill Bridge, £1 2 6.

An Order on William Webb to James Claypole, for One pound two shillings and six pence, for three squares of Glass and stopping in the Lighthouse, for the Ship Montgomery, £1 2 6.

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State Navy Board,

June 27th, 1777.

Present:

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| Joseph Blewer, C. M., | Joseph Marsh, |
| Manuel Eyre, | Samuel Massey, |
| Paul Cox, | William Bradford. |

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Francis Gilbert, of the Guard Boat Thunder, for four Oars; at the same time deliver'd him seven Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Naglee, for Twelve pounds fifteen shillings, for Fifty-one Gallons of Spirits of Turpentine for the use of sundry Vessells bel'g to this State, £12 15.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Greiner, for Five pounds Eight shillings for 18 lbs. of 10d., and 12 lbs. of 8d. nails deliver'd Gunning Bedford, £5 8.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, for One

hundred and fifty-six pounds Twelve shillings & six pence, in full of his Account against sundry Vessells belonging to this State, £156 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Two hundred pounds on Account, £200.

Put into William Richards' Store 160 Barrs of Iron, w't 41ct. 3Q. 26lbs., Bought of Cox and Furman the 25th Inst., June.

Delivered Jacob Myers 78 Barrs of the Iron, w't 20ct. 0Q. 5lbs.

William Webb paid Samuel Massey six hundred pounds, which he Borrowed of said Massey, £600.

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State Navy Board,

June 28th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Andrew Caldwell,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Captain Isaac Roach Three pounds fifteen shillings, Ballance in recruiting Men for the Galley Congress, £3 15.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Honour Sullivan (the wife of James Sullivan who was taken Prisoner the 3d of January last) half pay from the first January to the first of July.

An Order on William Webb to Jonathan Williams, for Two hundred and Twenty-four pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, for 23,702 feet of two Inch pine plank, deliver'd John Smith, for the use of the Chevaux de Frizes at B. P., 190s. per M., £224 19 4.

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State Navy Board,

June 30th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Richards, to supply the Captain's steward, on board the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, for Sixty-four pounds seventeen shillings and six

pence, (Fifty-five pounds of which is for recruiting Expences, Eight pounds for Two Boatswains Calls, One pound seventeen shillings and six pence for repairing a Drum and porterage of two Carriages from Brown's Shop,) £64 17 6.

An Order on William Webb, to pay James Monks Twenty-eight Days pay due him, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, as per Capt'n Brown's Certificate.

Order'd, William Webb to settle with Commodore John Hazlewood at the rate of £13 10 per mo., from December 28th, 1775, to the 1st of October, 1776; from the 1st of October, 1776, to the 15th of November, 1776, @ £16 4 per mo.; and from the 15th of November, 1776, at £24 6 per mo., to the 15th of April, 1777, being the date of his present Commission.

An Order on William Richards and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley with sundries in his Indent., at the same time deliver'd fourteen Brown holland Shirts for the use of his Men.

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State Navy Board,

July 1st, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Commodore John Hazlewood with sundries in his Indent., for his Barge.

An Order on William Webb to Hill & Marret, for One Hundred and Fifty-one pounds Eleven shillings, in full of their Account against sundry Vessels belonging to this State, £151 11.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Marshall, for Thirty-three pounds four shillings and ten pence, in full of sundry Tinwares put into William Richards' Store, £33 4 10.

An Order on William Webb to Dunn and Hale, for One Hundred and fifty-eight pounds fourteen shillings, in full of their Account against sundry Vessels, &c., £158 14.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for one month's wages of himself and two Boys, £37 10.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers, to supply Captain Cowpland of the Guard Boat Hawk with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for Thirty

pounds nine shillings in full of his own, Andrew Ten Eick, and Negro Adam's wages to this date, £30 9.

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State Navy Board,

July 2d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myer, for Forty-five pounds and ten pence, in full of sundry Men's work at Fort Island per Account, £45 0 10.

An Order on Robert Towers and Joseph Stiles, to supply Captain Perkins of the Fire Ship Hecla, with sundries in his Indent.

"In Council,
Philadelphia, June 25, 1777.

On motion agreed,

That the pay of the Commodore of the Navy of this State, be allow'd and paid at the rate of One hundred and Twenty-five Dollars per month, inclusive of Rations.

On motion agreed,

That the pay of Capt. Hazlewood, the second in Command in the Navy in this State, be allowed and paid at the rate of One hundred dollars per month, inclusive of Rations.

Extract from the Minutes.

TY. MATLACK, Sec'y."

A True Copy.

E. Massey, Sec'y N. B.

The following was wrote to Henry Fisher, Esq'r, at Lewis Town:

Sir:—Mr. Jackson informs us that he is in danger of being taken off from the Post he has the care of by the Enemies Barges. The board is of opinion that the Signal Boats is of no use, and ought to be discharged, which you will order to be done; the two Guard Boats, Lawrence & Murphy, we are informed have much trouble with their people. Should that be the case, are apprehensive they are in great danger, shou'd they be attack'd by the Enemies Barges, especially as the inhabitants are mostly disaffected. It's the opinion of the Board they ought to be sent up. You'l inquire into the state of those two Boats & Order them for the present as you think best.

State Navy Board,

July 3d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

Order'd, William Webb to pay James Delebar, One month's pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery.

James M'Coy, second Lieutenant of the Experiment Galley, and Philip Ardel, second Lieutenant of the Effingham Galley, having been guilty of Misdemeanours, were both try'd by a Court Martial and broke.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver William Watkins two Cables for the fire rafts.

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State Navy Board,

July 4th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

William Greenway and Joseph Bradford having Petition'd for Commissions, and being well recommended, they were appointed to the Command of the Guard Boats Hornett & Wasp, the Board gave them their Commissions, and swore them accordingly.

An Order on Robert Towers, Joseph Stiles and Jacob Grantham, to supply the above Captains with sundries in their Indents.

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State Navy Board,

July 5th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Eyres, of the Schooner Delaware, the sundries Contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Thompson, of the Guard Boat Draggon, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Hardie, of the Guard Boat Terror, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Boyce, of the Franklin Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Abraham Mason two pieces Sail Duck, and to charge Robert Towers with it.

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State Navy Board,

July 7th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Thomas Townsend, of the Sloop Industry, for Forty-two pounds, being Two months wages of himself and three men, and Fifteen shillings for Two Scrubbing Brushes, £42 15.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Captain Robert Hardie, the Guard Boat Terror, Three pounds Fifteen shillings, Ballance of his Bounty Acc't, per Co. H'zl. Order, £3 15.

An Order on William Webb to Hugh Montgomery, for Fifteen pounds five shillings, Ballance of his Bounty and recruiting Account, £15 5.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Stephen Beasley, for Twelve pounds, Ballance of his Bounty and recruiting Account, £12.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Capt. Clark sundries in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, Twelve Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Com'e Hazlewood Three Catridges of Powder and Shot, for the use of the Gun at Reedy Island.

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State Navy Board,

July 8th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, One Box of Candles, Twelve yards Russia Duck, and One Iron Bound Cask.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. John McFatrick, for One pound Two shillings and six pence, being his first Lieutenant's expences after a Deserter, £1 2 6.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Thirty-seven pounds five shillings, for eleven pine logs, and 2 M. 75 feet of Pine plank, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, £37 5.

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State Navy Board,

July 9th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hugh Montgomery with 50 Fathom of 2¾ Inch Rope, for the use of the Effingham Galley.

Delivered Captain Benjamin Thompson six Blankets, for the use of his Men on board the Guard Boat Dragon.

Thomas Leppar, late Gunner of the Arm'd Boat Camden, having Petition'd this Board for a second Lieutenancy on board the Armed Boat Burke, there being a Vacancy, the Board agreed he should be promoted to said Vacancy, and having attended, was qualified and received his Commission.

Order'd, Jacob Grantham to supply Capt. Gilbert with 20 Fathom of 2 Inch Rope, and 10 Fathom of Ratline Stuff.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Curgey, for six pounds Thirteen shillings and six pence, for Blacksmith's work supply'd Robert Fitzgerald, for a pump at the State Hospital, £6 13 6.

Samuel Ford being recommended as a Capable person to perform the duties of Lieutenant, the Board appointed him second Lieutenant of the Effingham Arm'd Boat, qualified him, and gave him his Commission.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Lawrence, for One hundred and Twenty-one pounds Thirteen shillings and five pence, for sundries bought at Vendue, £121 13 5.

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State Navy Board,

July 10th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

Agreeable to the request of his Excellency, the President and Council, the Board Accompanied them to Billings Port.

State Navy Board,

July 11th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An order on Jacob Grantham to Commodore Hazlewood, for One Coil of small Rope.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Wade, for sixteen pounds Ten shillings, for One month's wages, of himself and two men, on board the Black Duck, £16 10.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Wade, for Thirty-three pounds, for Two months' wages, of himself and two men, on board the Speedwell, £33.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac and Thomas Heston, for Eighteen pounds two shillings and six pence, for Painting sundry Guard Boats and Oars, £18 2 6.

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State Navy Board,

July 12th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Brown of the Guard Boat Tormentor, one small Anchor, and one Anchor for the use of the Chain of Rafts belonging to Captain Hardie.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Cowpland with thirty-three pound Cartridges and two Swivel Cartridges, in lieu of so many damaged.

Order'd Commodore Hazlewood to desire Captain Hardie to send up Paul Glascow, (a Hackler,) to Mess'rs Tittermary's Rope yard.

This day wrote the following Letter to the Continental Navy Board:

Gentlemen:—This Board labours under the necessity of some rigging and cannot do without, and have no other method of being supply'd by Mess'rs. Tittermary's, who cannot serve us without some men whom you have got. Therefore, you'l be pleased to furnish them with the following Men:

Arthur Kennedy, James Crowley, two Men belonging to the Fleet, now at work with James Wharton.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware with sundries in his Indent.

William Bartin, first Lieutenant of the Chatham Galley, desired leave to resign his Commission, which the Board granted.

An Order on Robert Towers, Esq'r, to supply Pottis Resner with six three pound Cartridges, for the Signal Gun at Dalby's Point.

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State Navy Board,

July 14th, 1777

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Colonel Blathwhite Jones, One Coil Ratline.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Rice of the Brig't Convention with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Beasley with 12 Fathom of Rope for a Buoy Rope, and 98 Fathom of Ratline stuff.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Captain Stiles, to supply Captain Thompson with sundries for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek.

Deliver'd Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, Twelve Russia Sheeting Shirts for the use of his Men.

Order'd, Captain Beasley to exchange his Gun with Capt. Greenway of the Gun Boat Hornet.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the ship Montgomery, with six pounds Lamp Black, a quarter of a pound of Coperas and three paint Brushes.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Houston of the Warren Galley a set of Oars for his Barge.

An Order on William Webb to Selwood Griffin, Blockmaker, for Twenty-five pounds seven shillings and three pence, in full of his Account against the Brig't Convention, Capt. John Rice, £25 7 3.

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State Navy Board,

July 15th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Nathaniel Galt, for Eleven

pounds seven shillings and six pence, ballance of his Account for Bounty money and Shipping Expences, £11 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Perkins, for Three pounds eight shillings and three pence, in full of his Account against Captain Galt and Hardie's Guard Boats, £3 8 3.

An Order on William Webb to Hercules Courtenay, for Ten pounds nine shillings and six pence, for Candles supply'd sundry Vessels belonging to the State, £10 9 6.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Brooks, for Forty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, in full for building a Log House at Bombay Hook, £47 16 3.

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State Navy Board,

July 16th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on Robert Towers to Martin Wirt, for four doz. empty Cartridges, and sundry things in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Lauchlen McLean of the Dickinson Galley with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the ship Montgomery, six yards of Canvass.

An Order on Jacob Myers, at Fort Island, to supply Captain Cristie, of the Fire Brigantine Vesuvius, with two Chains of eighteen feet each of Chain.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Cristie, of the Fire Brigantine Vesuvius, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Jones, of the Fire Ship Strumbelo, with sundries in his Indent.

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State Navy Board,

July 17th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Ten Thousand Dollars, 7s. 6d., £3,750.

An Order on William Webb to Captain John Brice, for Twelve pound One shilling, (seven pounds ten shillings of which is a Ballance for recruiting Expences for the Fire Sloop

Aetna, and Four pounds Eleven shillings for recruiting Expences for the Fire Brigantine Vulcano, £12 1.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Boys, of the Franklin Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Uriah Paul, for Five pounds for One month's pay attending the signal at long Point, due the first Instant, £5.

Thomas Hogg, being well recommended for a first Lieutenant, the Board appointed him first Lieutenant of the Burke Galley, (in the room of Adam Boyd, resign'd,) Gave him his Commission, and Swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Two hundred and seventy-one pounds four shillings and three pence, for spiers and Bolts for the Chevaux de Frize, at Billings Port, quantity 3,338 lbs., @ 19½d., £271 4 3.

An Order on William Webb to Jeremiah Simmons, for sixty-one pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, ballance of his Account for recruiting Men for the Arnold Battery, £61 17 6.

Deliver'd Captain Moore, of the Hancock Galley, five Blankets for the use of his men.

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State Navy Board,

July 18th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Emanuel Eyre, Samuel Massey.

This day appointed Joshua Humphreys, Junior, and Jacob Miller, to inspect the Condition of the different Float Stages employ'd last winter, and report the Damages done to each of them, and to whom they belong, to this Board.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for sixty pounds on Account, £60.

Order'd, William Crispin to pay Charles Derragh, who acted as Clerk to Commodore Seymore from October 18th, 1776, to Februa'y 18th, 1777, at the rate of One ration per day.

The Board took into their Consideration the Conduct of Adam Guyer, living near the State Hospital, in supplying the men belonging to the fleet with liquor, wrote him a Letter forbidding such practice on pain of being prosecuted.

An Order on Plunkett Fleeson, to supply Captain William Allen, of the State Ship Montgomery, with a Drum.

State Navy Board,

July 19th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

His Excellency the President, by his Secretary, requested the Chairman of the Board to furnish General Du Cudroy with a Boat, to Convey him to Billings Port, and pursuant thereto, Commodore Hazlewood was requested to furnish a Boat for the purpose.

Yesterday, the Supreme Executive Council requested of this Board to Furnish General Potter with as Many Boats as may be necessary to Convey the Militia from Chester to Billings Port; in consequence whereof, have this day wrote Mr. Arthur Donaldson to send the two Wades and Townsend down to Chester, and to apply to the Commanding Officer there for further Orders; as also to Commodore Hazlewood, to send the Accommodation Sloop from Darby Creek for the same purpose.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Martin, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Three hundred pounds, £300.

An Order on Robert Towers and Joseph Stiles, to supply Captain John Rice with 500 Cartridges, 25 lbs. Match Rope and 30 Hand Grenades.

An Order on Jocab Grantham, to supply Ditto, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Joseph Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, with sundries in his Indent.

This day requested Commodore Hazlewood to Order Captains Rice and Eyres, immediately to furnish this Board with a return of the Ammunition and the Condition their Powder is in; also an account of the Expenditure of the Powder since they have been on their respective Stations.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

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State Navy Board,

July 21st, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Andrew Caldwell.
Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hugh Montgomery, of the Effingham Galley, with sundries Contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Mess'rs Bridges and Annis with four pieces of Russia Duck.

An Order on Moses Young, to deliver Mess'rs Bridges and Annis, one piece of Russia Sheeting.

An Order on William Webb to Lauchlin McLean, for Twenty-seven pounds ten shillings, for Bounty and Expenses, enlisting five men for the Dickinson Galley, £27 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Huddle, for Seventy-two pounds Twelve shillings and four pence, ballance of his Account, £72 12 4.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Lyell of the Guard Boat Resolution, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Galley Ranger, with twelve pounds of Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. John Christie, of the Fire Brig't Vesuvius, for Sixteen pounds, ballance of his Account for Bounty and Recruiting Expenses, £16.

An Order on Captain John Christie, to supply John & Robert Tittermary, with a certain James Wood, a Ropemaker.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Greenway of Guard Boat Hornet, with two hundred weight of Junk.

An Order on William Webb to Captain William Greenway, for Forty pounds ten shillings, to recruit men for the Guard Boat Hornet, per Order of Commodore Hazlewood, £40 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain James Bradford, for Forty-nine pounds ten shillings, to Inlist Eleven Men for the Guard Boat Wasp, per Order of Commodore Hazlewood, £49 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

Captain Hanse attended the Board and requested their Interposition in his behalf to Colonel Proctor, for the return of Thomas Havens, a Sailor belonging to his Boat. In compliance thereto wrote Colonel Proctor either to return him Havens, or find a healthy, sound Man in his Room.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Edward Yorke, of the Camden Galley, with 100 lbs. Junk.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Higgins, Pilot of the Schooner Delaware, for his wages from May 21, 1777, to July 21st, 1777, @ Forty-two Dollars per month, and to Continue his Pay while in service, and this day gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

The Board appointed John Marshall this Day to be Pilot of the Fire Ship Hecla, or any Vessell they shall order him on Board of, Gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

They also appointed George Jackson this Day to be a Pilot of the Ship Strumbelo, or any Vessell they shall order him on board of, Gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to John Bazella, for Three pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for making two Carriages for the Guard Boats Hornet and Wasp, £3 17 6.

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State Navy Board,

July 22d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Hazlewood with sundries for the Officers Room at Darby Creek.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Mrs. George Whatt wages due her Husband, per Certificate sent to William Webb.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Captain Richard Eyres, of the Schooner Delaware, Fifty pounds Bounty Money, per Commodore Hazlewood's order, £50.

The following Orders was given to Capta'n John Rice, of the Brigantine Convention, and to Captain Richard Eyres, of the Schooner Delaware.

You are hereby order'd to join the Continental Fleet under the Command of Capt'n Isaiah Robinson, whose orders you are strictly to obey.

Letters wrote to Captains Rice & Ayres, with an order inclosed on William Webb, to pay each Fifty pounds to buy fresh provisions, £100.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Verntz, for Fifty-one pounds, for Bolts & Straps for the Chevaux de Frize, per account, £51.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Marshall sixty pounds for two months' wages for his Boats Crew stationed at the Mother kiln, £60.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver William Crispin five Barrels Beef.

State Navy Board,

July 23d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Three Thousand pounds, £3,000.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Ten pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for 29 days attendance as waiter, £10 17 6.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen with sundries in his Indent, for the use of the Ship Montgomery.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain John Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Solomon Markley, for Fifteen shillings, for Ten Bushells of Hair, supply'd the Arnold Battery, Captain Jeremiah Simmons, £15.

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State Navy Board,

July 24th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

Order'd Jacob Grantham, to Deliver Captain Potts of the Bull Dog Galley, Eight Galley and three Yawls Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Roach, for Fifty Dollars, being bounty money for the Congress Galley, per Order Commodore Hazlewood, £18 15.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for Seventeen shillings and six pence, for a Gun Ladle and Fireling for the Guard Boat Viper, Captain Stephen Beasley, £0 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to Nathan Boys, for Twenty-six pounds, ballance of his Account being Bounty Money and Expences, per Order of Commodore Hazlewood, £26.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for Forty pounds, £40.

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State Navy Board,

July 25th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Leonard Stanton, for Seventeen pounds ten shillings, for five Cords Wood, supply'd the Fire Brig't Vesuvius, Captain Cristie, £17 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for Ninety-one pounds two shillings and four pence, in full for supplying Captains Rice, Gilbert & Cowpland, with fresh provisions at Reedy Island, £92 2 4.

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State Navy Board,
July 26th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Plunket Fleeson, to supply Captain Rice of the Brigantine Convention, with a Drum and Fife.

Order'd, Philip Wirt to Carry down a New Cable for the Brig't Convention, Captain Rice, and to bring up his and Captain Eyres's Old Ones.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Abraham Mason Two pieces Russia Duck, to make up for Grape Shot, and to Charge it to Robert Towers.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Charles M'Henry, for Eleven pounds Twelve shillings and six pence, amount of Bounty and recruiting Expences of Joseph McCartney, belonging to the Arnold Battery, which sum said Webb is Order'd to stop out of said McCartney's pay, £11 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for Twenty-four pounds, Ballance Due him for Attending the Store at Jones's Wharf, from 27th March last, £24.

Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, having recommended Nathaniel Wallace to be his first Lieutenant, the Board approv'd of it, gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

"In Council,
Philadelphia, July 26th, 1777.

On motion agreed,

That it be recommended to the Navy Board to furnish Gen'l Du Cudroy with a Convenient Boat, whenever he may call upon them for one.

Extract from the Minutes.

TY. MATLACK, Sec'y."

A True Copy:
Ebenezer Massey, Sec'y N'y B'd.

State Navy Board,
July 28th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Colonel ——— with four Barge Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Martin, for Thirteen pounds ten shillings, for Bounty of Men for the Guard Boat Lyon, per order of Commodore Hazlewood, £13 10.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Commodore Hazlewood with what provisions and necessaries he may want.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson & Shearman, for Fifty-eight pounds, for Six Howits deliver'd Captains Greenway, Cowpland & Bradford, £58.

Order'd, Mr. Annis to deliver Captain Perkins, of the Fire Ship Hecla a Fore Top Sail.

Order'd, Jacob Grantham to deliver Philip Wirt Forty Barrels Beef, Thirty Barrels Bread, Two Hogsheads Rum, and to George Wirt Twenty Barrels of Beef and Fifteen Barrels of Bread, and a Takle Fall.

Apply'd to Mr. Blair McClanahan to send this Board all the Anchors that he can spare, which the Board agrees to pay him for, or to replace them.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply John Brice, of the Fire Brigantine Vulcano, with sundries in his Indent.

Order'd, That John Cottringer be discharged from the service of this State, he having found an able bodied man in his stead, as appears by a Certificate from Captain John Rice, Esquire, of the Brigantine Convention.

This Board request that Thomas Fitzsimons, Esquire, lend them One Thousand pounds, and that said sum be paid to William Webb, Esq'r, Paymaster to the State Navy.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Forty pounds nineteen shillings & four pence, being the amount of his Account against sundry Vessells belonging to this State, £40 19 4.

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State Navy Board,
July 29th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre. Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply John McCulloh, Master Carpenter, with 34 fathom five Inch rope, Two double Blocks and hooks, and Twenty-eight fathom of Two Inch Rope for the use of Red Bank.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Thomas McWaters Forty-five pounds, for 180 Perch Stone Deliver'd Arthur Donaldson, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £45.

This day wrote a Letter to Thomas Fitzsimons, desiring him to deliver to Captain William Greenway, Esq'r, the Brigantine Morning Star, which was purchased of him by the Continental Navy Board for a Fire Vessel.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Three hundred and Eighty-four pounds Eighteen shillings & four pence half penny, ballance of his Account, £384 18 4½.

This day the Board appointed James McNight Captain of the Fire Brigantine called the Blast, gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Paine Newman, for Two hundred and Twenty-one pounds nine shillings, in full of his Account, £221 9.

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State Navy Board,

July 30th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

The following General Orders were rece'd this day from the Honorable Continental Navy Board:

"To Messrs. Wharton and Falconer,

Commissioners of Naval Stores:

Gentlemen:—Please to deliver to the Order of the Honorable the State Navy Board, such materials as they may want out of Our Store, for the purpose of getting out the Continental fire Ships.

FRANCIS HOPKINSON,
JOHN NIXON."

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"To Mr. John Brown,

Clerk of the Yards:

Sir:—Deliver to the Order of the honorable the State Navy

Board such Boards, Scantling and Plank as they may want, for the purpose of fitting out the Continental Fire Ships.

FRANCIS HOPKINSON,
JOHN WHARTON."

A True Copy:
Ebenezer Massey, Sec'y S. N. B.

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An Order on William Webb to George Garland, of the Chatham Galley, for One hundred Dollars for Bounty Money, per Order Commodore Hazlewood, £27 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hardie of the Guard Boat Terror with sundries in his Indent.

Agreeable to the request of this Board, Colonel William Bradford has granted Furlows to Robert Wood and Godfrey Hamled, two Privates in Captain Easterly's Company of Militia, and to John Gemmer, a Private in Captain Piercey's Company of Militia, at Billings Port, to work with William Rush, Blacksmith, and one to John Cowin, work at the Fire works, and to return when this Board shall Order them.

An Order on William Webb to Hill and Marret, for Nineteen pounds ten shillings, in full of their account against the Fire Brig't Vulcano, £19 10.

Deliver'd John William Annis, out of the Store underneath, one piece of Russia Sheeting, for to make an Aunin and Sails for Commodore Hazlewood's Barge, which said piece Annis had an Order on Moses Young for. (See Minutes July twenty-first, Instant.)

Order'd, William Crispin, Esq'r, to settle with John Clowls, being Captain Murphy's Order on this Board for the payment of Sixty pounds, for 30 Gallons Rum, for the use of himself and crew of the Armed Boat Eagle, station'd near Lewis Town.

An Order on Wharton and Falconer, Commissioners of Naval Stores, to supply Gunning Bedford with such Materials as he may want for the Continental Fire Ships.

An Order on John Brown, Clerk of the Yards, to supply Major Thomas Casdrop with such Boards, Planks and Scantling as he may want for the use of the above Fire Ships.

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State Navy Board,
July 31st, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Andrew Caldwell,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Rosbotham, for Fifteen pounds twelve shillings, for whitewashing the Hospitals at Province Island, and sundry other work, £15 12.

Order'd, Robert Towers to furnish this Board with the number and sizes of all the Barr shot under his care, as also to fill all the empty boxes with Cartridges, for the use of the Galleys & Floating Batteries.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Bridges & Annis, to supply Captain Allen with two pounds sewing twine.

The following orders were given to Commodore Hazlewood:

Sir:—This Board has the greatest reason to believe that Mr. Howe, with his Fleet and Army is now on their way, and that he intends to invade this State. You are hereby requested to issue your Orders to the different Captains under your command, to attend their different Stations and consult on such matters when met, as you may judge best for the defence of this State and the River Delaware.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, with six Muskets, Ammunition and Flints.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Roach of the Congress Galley, with sundries contained in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, nine Blankets for the use of his men.

This day obtained an Order from the Pennsylvania Board of War, on John Tyler or Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, four Stands Arms, three Bayonets and two Cartooch boxes.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop and Davis, for Three hundred pounds on Account, £300.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel King, for Twelve pounds for a Brass Chamber for the Ship Montgomery, £12.

Valentine Standley, Jun'r, being recommended to this Board, by Doctor William Shippen, as a suitable person for a Surgeon, the Board appointed him Surgeon of the Ship Montgomery, William Allen, Esq'r, Commander; Gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Fitz Gerald, for Eighty-five pounds four shillings and nine pence, in full of his Account, £85 4 9.

State Navy Board,

Aug't 1st, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Andrew Caldwell, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Robert Towers, and Joseph Stiles, to deliver Captain Thomas Hazlewood One Hundred handgranades, with half a Barrel of powder.

An Order on William Webb to William Rush, for six Hundred pounds on account, £600.

Mr. Joseph Marsh is Order'd to purchase two small Skifts for the use of the Fire Ships.

An Order on William Webb to William Pritchett, for Forty-eight pounds nine shillings and six pence, in full of his Account £48 9 6.

An Order on Messrs. Jacob Grantham, Robert Towers, Joseph Stiles, and Bridges and Annis, to supply Captain Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Moffett, for Forty-two pounds, for six hundred Bushells of Coal d'd Jacob Myers at Fort Island, £42.

An Order on William Webb to Hill and Marret, for Twenty-six pounds for a Cedar Skiff, £26.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Four Thousand pounds, £4,000.

An Order on Joseph Ogden, to deliver Joseph Jones such plank as he may want for a Fast Bridge.

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State Navy Board,

Aug't 2d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Andrew Caldwell.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for One hundred and ninety-five pounds fourteen shillings, in full of his Acco't, £195 14.

An Order on William Webb to Richard and John Tittermary for Three hundred pounds on Account, £300.

An Order on William Webb to John Huddle, for One Hundred pounds, £100.

An Order on William Webb to John Duche, for One Hundred pounds, £100.

An Order in favor of William Webb to the Honorable the Continental Navy Board, for One Thousand pounds, for the use of fitting out the Fire fleet for the Continent, £1,000.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Four Hundred and fifty pounds, £450.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for Four hundred pounds, £400.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for Fifty pounds, £50.

This day wrote Commodore Hazlewood, and requested of him to make enquiry into the situation of the fire Vessells Hecla & Vulcano, Cap'ts Perkins and Brice, whether they are prepar'd to go down with the Continental fleet, which are under Orders to proceed to-Morrow, as also to inform Captains Eyres and Rice to join and proceed down with the fleet, subject to the former orders of this Board.

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State Navy Board,

Aug't 4th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Mess'rs Towers & Stiles, to supply Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Eyres, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brice of the Fire Brigantine Volcano, with sundries contained in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain Brice out of the Lodge Store, Twenty yards of Ozenbrigs.

A request to the Continental Naval Board, to lend this Board a Cable for the Fire Brig't Vulcano, Captain Brice.

Orders sent to Captains Brice & Eyres, vizt:

Sirs:—We have to inform you the necessity requires an alteration in the Orders you have already received; therefore, you'l be pleased to take notice that you are not bound by any orders heretofore issued; but from henceforth you are hereby order'd to observe any directions, instructions or orders issued by the Commanding Officer of the Continental fleet, now or-

der'd down on a secret expedition, from time to time, or so long as the fleet shall be performing the intended expedition.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Moore of the Hancock Galley with Twenty-four pounds of Candles.

An Order on Mess'rs Bridges & Annis, Sail Makers, to make an Aunin for the Experiment Galley, John Harrison, Esq'r, Commander.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Harrison of the Experiment Galley with a Cable.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Hardie of the Guard Boat Terror, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Hammon, for Five pounds, for One Month's pay tending the Alarm post at Market Street Wharf, due the third Instant, £5.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley with Twelve pounds of Candles.

Orders sent to Captains Brice & Perkins, vizt:

Sirs:—The Board have consented, that the Fire Brig't Vulcano and fire Ship Hecla, under your commands, should proceed as soon as you can provide & furnish yourselves with necessaries, down the River & Bay of Delaware, with the Continental fleet. Now you are hereby directed to observe all orders from the Commanding Officer of the said fleet, during your continuance and while your stay may be thought necessary, or untill you shall be discharged.

An Order to Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, to deliver John Henese his Servant, he paying the Bounty and Expences to William Webb, pay Master to the State Navy.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Twenty-six pounds Eight shillings & three pence three Farthings, in full for Eight Men's work as Blacksmiths at Fort Island, £26 8 3¾.

An Order on William Webb to William Perkins, for Three pounds and six pence, in full of his Account against the Guard Boat Brimstone, Captain Watkins, £3 0 6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full of one month's hire of his Pilot Boat, £37 10.

An Order on William Webb to Matthias Young, for Fourteen pounds fourteen shillings, in full of his Account for painting sundry Boats, £14 14.

An Order on William Webb to pay Mr. Cha's Richards Five pounds, for One Month tending the Alarm post at Gloucester, £5.

State Navy Board,

August 5th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to William Little, for One pound ten shillings, for three Bench plains for the Ship Montgomery, £1 10.

An Order on William Webb to Mathias Young, for Four pounds four shillings and six pence, for painting the Ship Montgomery's Barge, £4 4 6.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Halladay, for nine pounds, for Haleing a Load of Hemp from Lancaster about the 3d June last, £9.

An Order on William Webb to John McFatrick, for Eleven pounds for Bounty Money, per order Commodore Hazlewood, £11.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Robert Pomroy, for Two pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence, for 55¾ lbs. Spanish Brown, £2 15 9.

Lieutenant Douglas Spence, of the Brigt. Convention, being appointed to the Command of a Fire Ship in the Continental service by consent of this Board, he this day deliver'd up his Commission.

An Order on William Webb to Nathaniel Galt, for Five pounds ten shillings Bounty Money, per order Commodore Hazlewood, £5 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Nathaniel Galt with Eight yards Canvas for the Fire Rafts.

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State Navy Board,

Aug't 6th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Hugh Montgomery, for Thirty pounds, Bounty money for the Effingham Galley, £30.

An Order on William Webb to John Allen, for Sixty-nine pounds, for 3½ Cords Hickery, and 9¼ Cords Oak wood, for the use of the fire Works in the Congress service, £69.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Betterton, for nineteen pounds three shillings, Amount of his Account of Cooperage, £19 3.

An Order on William Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, to supply John Marshall, Pilot of the fire Ship Hecla, with two Rations per day from the 26th July last.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Trimble, for six pounds fourteen shillings and one penny, for scantling Bought of him by Gunning Bedford for Derby Creek Fort, £6 14 1.

An Order on William Webb to Dun and Hale, for ninety-five pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full of their Account, £95 7 6.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply John Hoover, of the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Neglay, for Seventy pounds Eight shillings, in full for Spirits of Wine and Turpentine, for the use of the Fire Ships in the Congress service, £70 8.

An Order on William Webb to Rowland Prichatt, for One hundred and fifty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account of Cooperage, &c., £159 15.

An Order on William Webb to Uriah Paul, for Five pounds, for One month's pay attending the signal Gun at Long Point, due the first Instant, £5.

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State Navy Board,

August 7th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. William Potts, of the Bull Dog Galley, for Twenty-six pounds, Ballance of his Account, Bounty Money & Expences enlisting Men, per Order of Commodore Hazlewood, £26.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Mitchell, of the Ranger Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on the Continental Navy Board, to Pay William Webb Two Thousand Pounds, £2,000.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for Two hundred pounds, on Account of the Fire Vessells fitting out by the Continental Navy Board, £200.

Appointed Robert Hardie Captain of the Burke Galley, gave him his Commissison, and swore him Accordingly.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Lieutenant Hug, of the Burke Galley, with sundries Contain'd in his Indent.

A request made to Colonel Bradford for Daniel Ent, Blacksmith, to be sent up on Furlow; he accordingly sent him to Paine Newman, to make Graplins and Chains for the Fire Vessells now fitting out by the Continental Navy Board.

Captain Alexander this day waited on the Board, and inform'd them that Commodore Hazlewood order'd Joseph Gamble to take Charge of the Ship Delaware, in order to Pilot her through the Chevaux de Frize, and to continue on board her untill further Orders; and on application being made to him by Captain Alexander, he absolutely and bone fide refused to go on board. Upon which the board wrote a Letter to the Supreme Executive Council of this State, and inform'd them of the Conduct of the said Pilot; and in consequence of his refusal, the Board (in order that the said Ship may not meet with any detention) wrote a Letter to Commodore Hazlewood immediately to appoint another Pilot to take charge of said Ship.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Kelly, of the fatigue party from Billings Port, with two pounds of Candles and two Quire of paper.

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State Navy Board,

August 8th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain York of the Camden Galley, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Slide, for Forty-two pounds fifteen shillings, for nine Cords and a half of Wood, purchased the second Inst., by Commodore Hazlewood, at Derby Creek, for the use of the Fire Rafts Men station'd there, @ 90s. per cd., £42 15.

An Order on William Webb to James Flanagan, for Thirty pounds fifteen shillings, for Ten Cords and a Quarter of Wood, purchased July 10th., ult., by John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, and landed near the State Hospital Wharfe, for the use of the Galleys station'd there, at Three pounds per cord, £30 15.

An Order on Mess'rs Bridges and Annis, Sail Makers, to furnish Captain Benjamin Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with a Sail such as he may direct.

James Irwin, Esq'r, was this day appointed Captain of the Guard Boat Terror, the Board gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

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State Navy Board,

August 9th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Wirt, for Two pounds five shillings, for half Cord of Wood, bought for the use of the Schooner Lydia, £2 5.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Wheeler, for Sixty-nine pounds, for Ten Chains and Eight Graplins, wt. 460 lbs. @ 3s., for the use of the Continental Fire Vessells, £69.

An Order on William Webb to Steal & Newman, for One Hundred and Thirty-Eight pounds Nineteen Shillings, for two Chains for Schuylkill Bridge, £138 19.

An Order on William Webb to David Hendrixson, for Sixty-four pounds fifteen shillings, for Eighty logs for the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £64 15.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

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State Navy Board,

August 11th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to furnish Captain Clark of the Fire Sloop Aetna, with a Cable and fifteen fathom of 3½ inch rope.

An Order on William Webb to William Watkins, for Twenty-two pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, being the ballance of his Account for Inlisting, &c., £22 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Gilbert, for Sixteen pounds ten shillings Bounty Money, &c., per Order Commodore Hazlewood, £16 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Benjamin Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain McLaine of the Galley Dickinson, with six Oars for his Yawle.

In consequence of a Letter received from Henry Fisher, Esq'r, the Board desired Commodore Hazlewood to Order the following Guard Boats to proceed to Lewistown, and to be under the direction of Henry Fisher, Esq'r,:

Brimstone, ..... Captain Watkins.
Porcupine, .....Tatnall.
Viper, .....Beasley.
Fire Brand, ..... Rue.
Thunder, ..... Gilbert.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Gilbert with one hundred rounds of Powder and Ball for a Three pounder, 20 hand-grenades, 10 lbs. Powder, One pound of Sulfer & 30 fuses, on Fitz Gerald.

An Order on William Webb to Moses Kelley, for Ten pounds twelve shillings and six pence, for 85 days' work on the Continental Fire Vessells, at 2s. 6d. per day, 31 days of which Captain McCullough is to pay, £10 12 6.

William Mollerston, one of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots, appeared this day and produced a discharge from the Supreme Executive Council.

Order'd William Webb & William Crispin, Esq'rs, to settle with William Mollerston.

A Letter from Leeson Simmons, acquaints the Board that he has appointed a man at Long Point, No. 3, in the room of Uriah Paul, and has lower'd the price from five pounds ten shillings to three pounds, at Fort Penn.

A Request to William Webb to stop one-half of John Kelley's pay, (belonging to the Schooner Delaware,) being Forty-five shillings, till further orders; also to stop Joseph Gamble's (one of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots) till further orders.

A Request to William Crispin to stop Joseph Gamble's Rations till further orders.

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State Navy Board,

Aug't 12th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Rue, of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Rue, of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with sundries contained in his Indent.

John Meanor petition'd this Board for a second Lieutenancy in the Armed Boat Experiment, Captain Harrison, and being recommended as a suitable person by Commodore Hazlewood for the vacancy, the Board, upon his attendance this day, gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb in favor of William Rigden, for Eleven pounds ten shillings, for Painting and Glazing done on board the Floating Battery, Captain William Brown, £11 10.

An Order on Robert Towers & Jacob Grantham, to furnish Captain Beasly, of the Guard Boat Viper, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Tatnall, of the Guard Board Porcupine, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Tatnall, for Twelve pounds, being the Ballance due him for recruiting, &c., per Account, £12.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Jones, of the Fire Ship Strumbelo, with four Yawls Oars.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Thomas Hazlewood with One hundred hand-grenades for the Continental Fire Vessells.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Watkins, of the Brimstone Guard Boat, with 50 Rounds of Amunition, for a three pounder.

70 Rounds of Ditto, for Swivel Guns.
20 Rounds of Shot for ditto.
50 Rounds of Grape for ditto.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Watkins with 15 lbs. Candles, 1 Cable, and 150 lbs. Langrage shot, for the use of the Guard Boat Brimstone.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Rue, of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with 150 lbs. Langrage shot, for a Two pounder.

An Order on William Webb to William Adcock, for Twenty-six pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, for 9¾ Reams of Paper, £26 16 3.

State Navy Board,

Aug't 13th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

This day received the following Order from the Supreme Executive Council:

"In Council,

Philad'a, August 13th, 1777.

Sir:—Pay to Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman to the State Navy Board, or to his order, five thousand pounds, for which he is to Account, £5,000.

To Jacob S. Howell."

An Order on Jacob S. Howell to William Webb, for the above sum of Five thousand pounds, £5,000.

Order'd, William Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, to supply each of the Guard Boats now order'd down to the Capes, with half a barrel of Pork.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Thomson, for Five pounds, for one month's attending the Signal at Thomson's Point, due the 2d Inst., August, £5.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Wade, for Sixteen pounds ten shillings, for one month's wages of himself and two Boys, £16 10.

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State Navy Board,

August 14th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

The Board took into their Consideration the absolute necessity of providing a harbour for the several State Vessells during the winter; and thereupon,

Resolved, That they will set off to-morrow morning for Fort Island, in order to examine the different parts thereof and places contiguous thereto, for the aforesaid purpose.

State Navy Board,

August 15th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, (on duty,) Samuel Massey, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, do.

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State Navy Board,

August 16th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

Mr. Joseph Casdrop presented an account of the damages done to the several stages employed by him last winter, in making a bridge over Schuylkill, amounting to £51 5, as per a report made under the hands of Mess'rs Joshua Humphreys and Jacob Miller, two persons appointed by this Board to value the said damages.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Fifty-one pounds five shillings, in full of the above award, £51 5.

An Order on William Webb to John Webb, at State Island, for Three pounds twelve shillings and six pence, being Expences attending the Board on a visit down to Fort Island, agreeable to the resolve of the 14th Instant, £3 12 6.

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State Navy Board,

August 18th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Hardie, for fifteen shillings, being for five stone juggs, supply'd the State Store, as per receipt from Jacob Grantham, Clerk of the said Store, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb for fifteen shillings, for a Blanket the Board bought of a poor woman, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Hardie, for Forty-five pounds, for bounty money for the use of the Burke Galley, per Commodore Hazlewood's Order, £45.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Hazlewood, for Six

pounds fifteen shillings, for bounty for the use of the Guard Boat Fame, per Commodore Hazlewood's Order, £6 15.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Wheeler, for Eighty-four pounds nineteen shillings and six pence, for Eight Graplins and 200 feet of Chains, wt. 566½ lbs. @ 3s. per lb., for the use of the Continental Fire Vessells, £84 19 6.

Supply'd Captain Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with six yards of Ozenbrigs for bread bags.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Mess'rs Bridges and Annis with Eight pieces of Russia Duck, for the use of the Sloop Sally, Captain Wade.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Simmons with three pounds of twine for the use of the Arnold Battery.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Thomas Hazlewood with One hundred weight of Powder, for the use of the Continental Fire Vessells.

An Order on William Webb to John Williams, for Nine pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, in full of Account for Nails had of John Litle to build two Barges, £9 14 4.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Potts of the Bulldog Galley, with Twenty-four pounds of Candles and two quire of writing paper.

An Order on William Webb to pay Captain William Potts, Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for recruiting Men for the Bulldog Galley, per Order Commodore Hazlewood, £37 10.

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State Navy Board,

August 19th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey,

An Order on William Webb to Moses Kelly, for Two pounds, for fatigue Men's work at the Continental Fire Ships, £2.

An Order on William Webb to John Hubley, for Two hundred and sixty-five pounds sixteen shillings, for 5,316 lbs. Hemp, at 1s. per lb., £265 16.

An Order on William Webb to Captain James Blair of the Burke Galley, for Eighteen pounds seven shillings and five

pence, ballance of his Account for Bounty Money, &c., per Order Commodore Hazlewood, £18 7 5.

Order'd, Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, to attend this Board on Tuesday, the 21st Instant.

An Order on William Webb to William Perry, for the following Accounts and Orders from Henry Fisher and John Adams:

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| Amo't of Acc't, Henry Fisher from Chas. Lawrence, due, ..... | £106 0 4 |
| Amo't of Acc't, Francis Conoly from Chas. Lawrence, due, ..... | 10 8 3 |
| Amo't of Acc't, Francis Conoly from Chas. Lawrence, due, ..... | 4 3 0 |
| Amo't of John Adams's Order, ..... | 30 0 0 |
| Amo't of Eleanor Hitchcock's account, ..... | 26 9 6 |
| | £177 1 1 |

Mr. Thomas Marle inform'd the Board this day, that Colonel William Bradford has the Barge which this Board granted s'd Marle, and is still retain'd by said Colonel's Orders.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Hardie of the Burke Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

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State Navy Board,

August 20th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Andrew Caldwell,
Joseph Marsh.

This day, the following Letter was wrote to Colonel Lewis Nichola, of the Battalion of Invalids:

Sir:—The Board request of you a Sergeant's Guard to protect the combustibles and fire Vessells belonging to the Continent, now lying on and at Jones's and Thomson's Wharfes, below the Sweeds' Church, in Southwark, where there is a Guard House belonging to this State provided for their reception.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Robins, for Two hundred and Thirty-Eight pounds fifteen shillings and seven

pence, in full of account for building sundry Boats, &c., £238 15 7.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Two pounds, for damages done Edward Frew's Stage, when employ'd in building the Schuylkill Bridge, £2.

An Order sent to Captain John Harrison of the Experiment Galley, to deliver Henry Jones an Apprentice, to his Master, John Hull.

An Order on William Webb to Poltis Risner, for Five pounds, for One month attending the Alarm Gun at Dalby's Point, due the 4th Instant, August, £5.

Application being made to this Board by the Overseers of the Poor in Southwark, in behalf of Ralph Boon, who has the care of a Child of John Kelly's, a Seaman on board the Schooner Delaware, Capt. Eyres, and on considering the same, the Board gave an Order to said Boon, to receive of William Webb, Pay Master, Forty-five shillings out of said Kelly's wages Monthly, for the maintenance of said child till further Orders from this Board.

An Order on Robert Towers, to Captain Robert Tatnall of the Guard Boat Porcupine, to exchange a parcell of Powder and Shot; as also to supply him with six Cutlasses for the use of his Men.

The Board this day examin'd the Minutes of their proceedings from the time of their appointment, to the 18th Instant, inclusive, and it appears that each Member have attended the following number of days affix'd to each of their names:

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| Joseph Blewer, 155 days, | Andrew Caldwell, 28 days, |
| Samuel Massey, 112 days, | Manuel Eyre, 142 days, |
| Joseph Marsh, 136 days, | Paul Cox, 106 days, |
| Robert Ritchie, 34 days, | Thomas Fitz Simons, 30 days, |
| Thomas Barclay, 10 days, | William Bradford, 115 days. |

And in pursuance thereof, the Chairman granted the following Orders to the members present:

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| An Order on William Webb to | Joseph Blewer, for | £155 0 0 |
| Do. do. | Manuel Eyre, for | 142 0 0 |
| Do. do. | Joseph Marsh, for | 136 0 0 |
| Do. do. | Samuel Massey, for | 112 0 0 |

State Navy Board,

August 21st, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Henry Martin of the Guard Boat Lyon, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Bridges and Annis, as much Canvas as will make the Guard Boat Resolution, Captain William Lyle, a Foresail and Rigging.

This day, the Board Renewed Captain Robert Tatnall's Commission, granted him by the Old Council of Safety, May 28th, 1776, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain ——— of the Burke Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Three pounds thirteen shillings, his expences in purchasing Stuff for the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £3 13.

An Order on William Webb to John Wiseman, for Twelve pounds thirteen Shillings, for eleven thousand Pump Nails, @ 23s. per M., for the use of the Store, £12 13.

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State Navy Board,

August 22d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Isaac Roach, of the Congress Galley for Thirty-seven pounds ten Shillings Bounty Money, advanc'd per order Commodore Hazlewood, £37 10.

The Board this day waited on the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council, and inform'd them that they had visited Fort Island, and the places contiguous for the purpose of wintering the State fleet, and were pleased to give us for answer they would take it into consideration and give us their opinion.

An Order on William Webb to William Hazlewood, for Twenty-five pounds on account of fatigue Men employ'd in fitting out the Continental fire Vessells, £25.

An Order on William Webb to Michael Ryan, for wages due to Robert Stokes, his servant, now on board Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, and to continue it Monthly while he is his Servant in the Service.

General Potter this day apply'd to the Board for Shallops to transport Troops to and from Billingsport, Fort Island and Chester, which was granted, and order'd Captains Robert Wade, Joseph Wirt, Townsend and George Wirt, to attend at Market Street Wharfe for that business.

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State Navy Board,

August 23d. 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

"In Council,
Philadelphia, August 22d, 1777.

For £3,000.

Pay to the Chairman of the State Navy Board Three Thousand pounds, for which that Board is to acco't, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, Pres't.

To Mr. Jacob S. Howell."

A True Copy:

Ebenezer Massey, Sec'y N. B.

An Order on Jacob S. Howell to William Webb, for the above sum of three thousand pounds, £3,000.

An Order on William Webb to John Allen, for fifty pounds, for 12 Cords of Oak and one Cord of Hickory Wood, bought by Captain Boys, for the use of the State fleet and fort, £50.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb, to Pearson and Shearman, One Hundred and fifty pounds on account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to George Jackson, Pilot of the Ship Strumbelo, for One month's pay.

The Continental Navy Board waited on us this Morning and requested we would send down three of our Galleys and two fire Vessells to the assistance of Captain Alexander, and we inform'd them we wou'd write to the Executive Council and take their advice in the Matter, which we did in the following manner:

Gentlemen:—The Continental Navy Board waited on us this Morning, and requested that we would send down to the assistance of Captain Alexander three of our armed Gallies and two fire Vessels.

The Board now request you will be pleased to take the matter under your consideration, and give such order as you see meet.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for seventy-five pounds, £75.

An Order on William Webb to William Pomrey, for Two pounds five Shillings, Amount of his Account against Ship Montgomery, £2 5.

The Council was pleased to favor us with answer to ours of this day, and have agreed on we shou'd send the Gallies and Fire Vessells, requested by the Continental Navy Board, for the assistance of Capt. Alexander;—upon which we order'd Captain Thomas Moore, of the Hancock Galley, Captain Boys, of the Franklin Galley and Capt. Roach, of the Hancock Galley, and desir'd the Commodore to order Captain Jones, of the Strumbelo, to join the fleet under Capt. Moore.

Which instructions are as follows:

Sir:—The board request you, with the Captains, Boys and Roach, of the Gallies, and Captain Jones, of the fire Ship Strumbelo, to proceed with the greatest dispatch, and join Captain Alexander, whose orders you and the others above mention'd will strictly obey. Capt. Wirt will deliver you one hogshead of rum and as much beef and pork, with bread for six weeks' cruise, for all the Vessells under your command, which you'l see them provided with. At Reedy Island apply to Captain Simmons or Mr. Benjamin Hall, who will supply you with what fresh provisions you will have occasion for. Captain Alexander has orders to take particular care that you are not order d too low down or into ruffer water that your Vessells will be sufficient to be safe in.

Order'd, Captain Martin Wirt, of the ammunition sloop, to supply Captain Moore, with amunition for himself and fleet under his command.

Order'd, Jacob Grantham to supply Capt. Boys, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

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State Navy Board,
August 25th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Twenty-five pounds on account, £25.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain William Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with twelve pounds Candles, and one empty Barrel.

Samuel Carson being recommended as a proper person for a first Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, the Board gave him his Commission.

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State Navy Board,

August 26th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., William Bradford,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas McWaters, for Forty-two pounds, for supplying the fire Vessells with Stone for Ballast, twelve pounds of which is to be charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £42.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Philip Wirt of the Schooner Lydia, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply George Wirt of the Sloop Liberty, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Two hundred and Twenty-Eight pounds one shilling, amount of his Account aginst the Continental fire Vessells, and to be Charged the Continental Navy Board, £228 1.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Three hundred pounds on account, £300.

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State Navy Board,

August 27th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., William Bradford,
Paul Cox, Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Houston of the Warren Galley, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

This day, Lewis Rue, second Lieutenant of the Bulldog Galley, desired leave to resign his Commission, which the Board accepted.

An Order on William Webb to Zacheveril Wood, for Thirteen pounds seventeen shillings & six pence, for his attendance as waiter, &c., on the Board, to the 26th Instant, as per account, £13 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to Paul Cox, (one of the Members of the Board,) for One hundred and six pounds, for his attendance to the 18th Inst., Inclusive, £106.

An Order on William Webb to William Bradford, (one of the Members of the Board,) for One hundred and fifteen pounds, for his attendance to the 18th Inst., Inclusive, £115.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain M'Fatrick of the Washington Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Anthony Cuthbert, for four hundred and sixty-six pounds and four pence, (three hundred and twenty-nine pounds of which to Charge Schuylkill Bridge with,) £466 0 4.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Bridges and Annis with five pieces Russia Canvas.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Loxley, for Twenty pounds Eleven shillings, for sighting of Guns on board the Galleys and Armed boats; also for drilling a spike of the Gun on board the Effingham Galley, Captain Montgomery, £20 11.

An Order on William Webb to Richard and John Tittermary, for Three hundred and Ninety-One pounds five shillings and seven pence half-penny, ballance in full of their Account, £291 5 7½.

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State Navy Board,

August 28th, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, C. M., Joseph Blewer, (on duty,)
Paul Cox, (on duty,) Manuel Eyre, (on duty.)

An Order on Jacob Grantham and Robert Towers, to supply Captain Brown of the Guard Boat Tormentor, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Packer, for Forty-three pounds, for Ten Cords and three quarters of Oak Wood, supply'd the fire Ship Pluto, @ 80s. per cord, per Captain Pomeroy's receipt, and to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £43.

State Navy Board,

August 29th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, William Bradford,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Edward Yorke of the Camden Galley, Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, per Order Commodore Hazlewood, for Bounty Money, £37 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Yorke with six Yawles Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Camelia Taylor, for Fourteen shillings, for scrubbing the Room and Stairs, £0 14.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, Blacksmith, for Nineteen pounds sixteen shillings and five pence, in full for sundry Accounts against the State fleet, £19 16 5.

An Order on William Webb to David Caldwell, for Thirty pounds, on Account of faggots received by Jacob Grantham for the use of the Continental fire Vessells, £30.

An Order on William Webb to John Knox, for Twenty-three pounds Eighteen shillings, for sundries put into the State Store that J. Grantham has, £23 18.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Seventeen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, in full of his Account to this day, £17 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Cimble, for Twenty-three pounds ten shillings, for Eleven Cords and three quarters of wood, @ 40s. per Cord, for the fire Ship Salamander, Captain Douglass Spence, to be charged to the Continental Navy Board, £23 10.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Tittermary, for Two hundred pounds, to procure hemp for the use of this State, which he is to account for, £200.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley with sundries in his Indent.

"In Council,

Philadelphia, August 29, 1777.

On motion agreed,

That the Chevaux de Frize Pilots now in the pay of this State, be discharged.

Extract from the Minutes.

T'Y. MATLACK, Secre'y."

A True Copy:

Ebenezer Massey, Sec'y S. N. B.

In consequence of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots being discharg'd from their service, have order'd William Webb to stop paying them any further, and William Crispin to stop supply'g them with rations from this date.

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State Navy Board,

August 30th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox, Manuel Eyre,
William Bradford.

The Chevaux de Frize Pilots appear'd at the Board, when the Chairman inform'd them that the Executixe Council had discharg'd them from being Pilots to the Chevaux de Frize Channel.

An Order on William Webb to William Clifton, for Fifteen pounds in full of his Account, for sundry work done for the Chevaux de Frize, £15.

An Order on William Webb for Seth Hilman, for Forty-six pounds, for 11½ Cords wood for the Continental fire Ship Pluto, Captain Pomeroy, to be charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £46.

An Order on William Webb to Barnard Vaneard, for Thirty-five pounds, for 8¾ Cords of wood, @ 80s., for the Continental Fire Ship Pluto, Captain Pomeroy, to be charged to the Continental Navy Board, £35.

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State Navy Board,

September 1st, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey, William Bradford.

An Order on Manuel Eyre, to supply Captain Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with Two hundred feet of Boards.

An Order on William Webb to Timothy Clark, for Eight pounds Eleven Shillings, for logs & haleing for the Chevaux de Frize, £8 11.

An Order on William Webb to pay the Widow Wills, Thirty-

seven pounds ten shillings, for One Month's pay of the Victualling Boat, £37 10.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Naglee, for Eighteen pounds Eighteen Shillings, for sundries for the Continental fire Ship, £18 18.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for Twelve pounds, per Order of Leeson Simmons, for his board, £12.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One hundred and fifty pounds on Account, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £150.

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State Navy Board,

September 2d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
William Bradford, Joseph Marsh.

The Board was this day Order'd on duty by the Supreme Executive Council.

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State Navy Board,

September 3d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Perkins of the fire Ship Hecla, with his Indent.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Captain Joseph Wade of the Store Sloop, with Twenty Gallons of Rum, for the use of the Men while employ'd in sinking the Chevaux de Frize.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Hazlewood, for fifteen pounds, for the use of the Continental fire Vessells, and to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £15.

An Order on William Webb to William Hammond, for five pounds for a Month's pay, tending the Signal on Market Street Wharfe, due the 4 Instant, £5.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Richards, for five pounds for one Month's pay, tending the Signal at Gloucester, due the fourth Inst., £5.

An Order on William Webb to Captain John Mitchell, for

ninety-two pounds seventeen shillings & two pence, ballance of his Account, per Order of Commodore Hazlewood, £92 17 3.

Put into William Webb's by Captain John Mitchell, forty pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, £40 17 6.

This day received the following order from the Supreme Executive Council:

"In Council, September 3, 1777.

Sir:—Pay to Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman to the State Navy Board or to his Order, four thousand pounds, The State Navy Board to be accountable, £4,000.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer."

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, to William Webb, for four thousand pounds, £4,000.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for fifty pounds, £50.

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State Navy Board,
Sep't 4th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, William Bradford,
Paul Cox.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Williams & Clinton, for Eighty-three pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, ballance of their Account, £83 14 4.

An Order on William to Caleb Hewat, for Thirty-six pounds, for 9 Cords of wood for the fire Ship Pluto, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £36.

Alexander Thompson, private, belonging to the Washington Galley, being represented by Doctor Dunlap, as unfit for service, The Board accordingly discharged him.

An Order on William Webb to pay Peter Clark or Order, six pounds, as so much of his pay, £6.

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

The Board wrote a letter this day to Major Henry Fisher, to order the five guard boats from Cape Henlopen, to their Stations at Darby Creek Mouth.

An Order on William Webb to Commodore John Hazlewood, Esq'r, for One hundred pounds, for extra services in fitting out the fire fleet, &c., per order of the Supreme Executive Council, £100.

State Navy Board,

September 5th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh, William Bradford,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb, to Benjamin Betterton, for Thirty-one pounds twelve shillings, for Iron bound Mess Kidds, Cans & Cags, per Account, £31 12.

An Order on Jacob Grantham to supply Captain Laughlin McLeane of the Dickinson Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Speers, for three pounds seven shillings and six pence, his expences after deserters, £3 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Wilson, for four pounds five shillings, his expences after deserters, £4 5.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Moore Furman, for Two hundred & nine pounds Eighteen shillings & three pence, in full for Iron, £209 18 3.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain John Brice of the fire Brig't Vulcano, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Bridges and Annis the Old Sails for the use of the fire Brig't Vulcano, Capt. John Brice.

The board this day appointed Christopher Ronedollar, to take charge of the Signal Gun at Gloucester.

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State Navy Board,

Septem'r 6th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, William Bradford,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to pay the following Men and to be charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, vizt:

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| To Edmund Beach, | for 58 | Hogsheads, | @ 45s. each, | £130 | 10. |
| Philip Ryan, | for 57 | Ditto | Ditto | 128 | 5. |
| Roane & Penyard, | for 56 | Ditto | Ditto | 126 | 0. |
| John Rowan, | for 32 | Ditto | Ditto | 72 | 0. |

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for nine pounds three shillings and Eleven pence, in full of three accomp'ts, £9 3 11.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Jacob Myers sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Phineas Harlan, for thirty-six pounds, for the hire of his Shallop to bring Ballast for the Continental fire Vessells, and to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £36.

An Order on William Webb to Plunket & Singleton, for three pounds four shillings and six pence, in full of their account, £3 4 6.

An Order on William Crispin, to pay Joseph Ferguson, late Clerk to Commodore Seymore, at the rate of One ration per day, from the 27th of February last, to the 14th June, inclusive.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Ferguson, for Twenty-two pounds for his wages as Clerk to Commodore Seymore, per account, £22.

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State Navy Board,

September 8th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, William Bradford.

The board received the following this day from the Supreme Executive Council:

"In Council,

Philadelphia, September 1st, 1777.

Mr. John Read represented to the Council, the banks of Fort Island wanted some repairs.

Order'd, That it be recommended to the Navy Board to repair the banks of Fort Island and Order the necessary repairs to be made therein.

The Gentlemen of the Navy Board having some time ago represented the advantage and necessity of having a flood-gate at Fort Island, made so as to admit the guard boats, &c., in the winter; therefore,

Order'd, That the Navy Board do make such a flood-gate as will answer the aforesaid purpose.

Extract from the Minutes.

T'Y. MATLACK, Secre'y."

true Copy:
E. Massey, S. S. N. B.

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Thomas Hazlewood with Sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb, to pay William Tricket Twelve pounds two shillings, in full of his Account, £12 2.

An Order on William Webb to William Rush, for Six hundred Thirty-three pounds nineteen shillings and six pence half-penny, ballance of his former Account, £633 19 6½.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Three hundred and Thirty pounds & six pence half-penny, ballance of his Account aginst the Chevaux de Frize, £330 0 6½.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, with sundries in his Indent, and One box of Candles.

An Order on William Webb, to Captain Jeremiah Simmons of the Arnold Battery, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for bounty Money, per Order of Commodore Hazlewood, £37 10.

The Board this day received the following Resolve from the Supreme Executive Council:

"In Council,
Philadelphia, September 6th, 1777.

Resolved, That in the present emergency, when the enemy's army endeavoring to penetrate to this City—may be aided by a fleet in the Delaware, the actual command of naval force of this State be committed to John Hazlewood, Esq'r, as Commodore in this department, on account of the age and infirmities of Thomas Seymore, Esq'r, the Superior Officer, as it is manifest to Council that Commodore Seymore, in the present state of his health cannot be capable of that vigour and activity which are essential to the service at this time of danger in which the most strenuous efforts of the stoutest will be necessary.

Extract from the Minutes.

TY. MATLACK, Sec'y."

A true Copy:

E. Massey, Sec'y to the N. B.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with one box of Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Fifty pounds on Account, £50.

An Order on William Webb to pay John Hoover of the Sloop Hetty, Thirteen pounds ten shillings, for Bounty Money per Order of Commodore Hazlewood, £13 10.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Jacob Grantham with four hundred weight of Meal powder.

State Navy Board,

September 9th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Harrison of the Experiment Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Thompson, for Forty-six pounds fifteen shillings, for Eleven Cords of Wood for the use of the fleet belonging to this State, £46 15.

An Order on William Webb to George Clouse, for ten pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, for sundry Blacksmith's work put into Jacob Grantham's Store, per receipt, £10 15 5.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Dolby, for Twenty-two pounds, for Eleven White Oak Hogsheads, for the use of the Continental Fire fleet, and to be charged to the Continental Navy Board, £22.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Potts of the Bulldog Galley, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for One hundred and forty-two pounds nineteen shillings, for sundry Iron Work for the Continental fire Vessells, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £142 19.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for Two hundred and sixty-four pounds thirteen shillings, £174 18 of which to be Charg'd to the Schuylkill Bridge, £264 13.

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State Navy Board,

September 10th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to David Caldwell, for Twenty pounds, towards fagots for the Continental fire Vessells, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £200.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Hanse, for Thirteen pounds thirteen shillings and two pence, ballance of his Account for Bounty, &c., per Order Commodore Hazlewood, £13 13 2.

An Order on William Webb to John Coburn, for Eighty-one pounds, for One hogshead Oil, put into Jacob Grantham's Store, Cont'g 90 Gallons, £81.

An Order on the Continental Navy Board to William Webb, for One Thousand pounds, £1,000.

An Order on William Webb to Ann King, for Twelve pounds Thirteen shillings and Eleven pence, for 32 & ⅝ths yds. Bunting for Colours for the fleet, £12 13 11.

An Order on William Webb to David Thomson, for Four pounds Thirteen shillings, for 31 days Wharfage for three Continental fire Vessells, @ 3s. per day, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £4 13.

An Order on William Webb to Bridget West, for Ten pounds, as a donation, by order of the Executive Council, her husband having died on board one of the Galleys, in the service of the State, £10.

An Order on William Webb to John Beasley, for fifteen pounds, on Account, £15.

An Order on William Webb to Doctor James Dunlap, for Thirteen pounds ten shillings, for sundry Medicines for the use of the State fleet, £13 10.

Benjamin Brooks and Joseph Wade is employ'd this day to take on board their Vessels, Ammunition from Robert Towers, for the use of the State.

An Order on William Webb to James Hood, for Thirty-two pounds, for 16 White Oak Hogsheads, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £32.

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State Navy Board,

September 11th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hugh Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

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State Navy Board,

September 12th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd Colonel John Eyre, twelve Shovels for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek Mouth.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Litman, for Fifty-

eight pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, in full of his Account against the Chevaux de Frize, £58 16 6.

An Order on William Webb to Agnes Jones, for Fifty pounds, for half a year's rent of Wharfe and Stores, £50.

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State Navy Board,

September 13th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for Three hundred pounds, £300.

An Order on William Webb to Paine Newman, for Four Hundred and ten pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, on Account, £410 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin January, for Twelve pounds ten shillings, for Books and paper deliver'd Jacob Grantham, per receipt, £12 10.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for six pounds ten shillings, for Thirteen days' attendance as waiter, £6 10.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Three hundred pounds on Account, £300.

"In Council, September 13th, 1777.

Sir:—Pay to Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the State Navy Board, or to his Order, Three Thousand pounds, the Navy Board to be accountable, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, Pres't.

To David Rittenhouse, Treasurer."

An Order on David Rittenhouse to William Webb, for the above sum of three Thousand pounds, £3,000.

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State Navy Board,

September 15th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Rebecca Cole, for Seven pounds Eight shillings, in full of Acco't due the Estate of John Cole, deceased, £7 8.

An Order on William Webb to Hill and Marret, for One hundred and seventeen pounds twelve shillings and two pence, £117 12 2.

An Order on William Webb to Nathaniel Galt, for Ten pounds, per Order of Doctor James Dunlap, for Surgeon's Instruments, £10.

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State Navy Board,

September 16th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to John Halverstots, for nine pounds, for nine Sheep Skins, £9.

An Order on William Webb to Frederick Linck, for Eleven pounds, for porterage of goods from the Lodge to the State Store, £11.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Litman, for Forty-seven pounds Eight shillings and five pence, in full of his Accompt against the fleet, £47 8 5.

An Order on William Webb to John Jones, for Fifty-two pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, (£50 1 9, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board,) £52 16 9.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Shee his monthly wages.

"In Council,

Philadelphia, September 16th, 1777.

For £3,000.

Pay to Joseph Blewer, Chairman of the State Navy Board, or Order, the sum of three thousand pounds, for which the said Board is to Account, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer."

Copy.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, to William Webb, for Three thousand pounds, £3,000.

Order'd, William Crispin to put six hogsheads Rum and One Ton of Bread on board Captain George Wirt, with such other articles as he may think will be wanted in case of an engagement.

State Navy Board,

September 17th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox.
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Manuel Eyre, for Two hundred pounds, on Account, £200.

An order on William Webb to John Adams, for Fifteen pounds, per Order of James Pearson, and to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £15.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Jacob Grantham fifty pounds for the use of the State Store, £50.

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State Navy Board,

September 18th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., William Bradford,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Whitehead Jones, for fourteen pounds, being wages due John Miller, tending the Signal at Reedy Point from July 4th to September 4th, Inst., is two months, at £7 per mo., as per Order said Miller, £14.

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Mason, for Thirty-three pounds nine shillings and six pence, in full of his Account against the Ship Montgomery and Burke Galley, £33 9 6.

An Order on William Webb to William McCullough for Twenty-two pounds ten shillings, for Ten Barrels Tarr, put into the State Store, per Jacob Grantham's recipt, £22 10.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Condy, for nine pounds seventeen shillings & six pence, for repairing sundry Telescopes belonging to the fleet, £9 17 6.

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State Navy Board,

Sept'r 19th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson & Shearman, for Two hundred & thirteen pounds, balance of their Account, (the Amount of the Acco't £378; £329 of which is to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board,) £213.

An Order on William Webb to Fergus Purdon, for One hundred and Twenty-Eight pounds fifteen shillings, for sundries supplied the State Hospital, £128 15.

An Order on William Webb to Dean Timmons, for Two hundred and Twenty-four pounds ten shillings & three pence, in full for 24 boxes Candles, put into Jacob Grantham's Store, £224 10 3.

Agreed with Mathew Byers, to attend the Board as waiter, at twelve shillings and six pence per day.

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State Navy Board,
Sept'r 20th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., William Bradford,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Bridges and Annis, for Thirty pounds, £30.

An Order on William Webb to Eneas Sickler, for One hundred and fifty pounds, on Acco't of Tar, £150.

"In Council,
Philada., Sep'r 20th, 1777.

Sir:—Pay to the State Navy Board, or Order, the Sum of Eight Thousand dollars, the Board to be accountable, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer."

A True Copy.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, to William Webb, for the above sum of Eight thousand dollars, £3,000.

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State Navy Board.
Sept'r 22d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Fifty pounds, on Acco't, £50.

An Order on William Webb to Nicholas Toy, for Twenty pounds, for Masts made in John Wharton's Yard, £20.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Townsend of the Sloop Industry, for Forty-two pounds, for two Months' Wages of himself and three men, £42.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for fifty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and six pence in full, for supplying the Galleys at Reedy Island with Beef, &c., per Ac't, £59 13 6.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Fitzgerald, for Sixty pounds on Acco't, £60.

An Order on William Webb to David Caldwell, for One hundred & forty-one pounds Ten shillings and Eleven pence, balance of his Account of Faggots, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £141 10 11.

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State Navy Board,

Sep'r 23d, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford (on duty.)

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State Navy Board,

Sep'r 24th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, C. M., Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Ann King, for four pounds Twelve shillings and six pence, for making sundry Colours for the fleet, £4 12 6.

# LIST

OF

# OFFICERS AND MEN

OF THE

# PENNSYLVANIA NAVY.

# 1775--1781.

## HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE NAVY.

As early as the 4th of July, 1775, the attention of the
1775. Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania was directed to the defence of the Delaware river, and on the 6th of the same month a sub-committee, consisting of Robert White and Owen Biddle, was appointed to attend to the construction of boats and machines for its defence. The committee also recommended the employment of John Wharton, Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre, Jacob Miller, Thomas Davis and Joseph Gavett in their construction.

With great promptness, on the 7th of July, John Wharton was directed to procure materials and make preparations for building a boat or calevat, of which he was to exhibit a model the next day. Mr. Wharton produced his model on the 8th and was then directed to immediately build a boat or calevat of forty-seven or fifty feet keel, thirteen feet broad, and four and a half feet deep. On the 10th Manuel Eyre was directed to build a boat according to a model produced by him, and on the 15th the sub-committee was directed to build twelve boats, including the two already ordered. The first officers, Captain Henry Dougherty and Captain John Rice, were appointed on the 17th of July, 1775. The first boat launched was from the yard of John Wharton, on the 19th of July, and was called the Experiment, the command of which was assigned to Captain Henry Dougherty. The second boat launched was the Bull Dog, from the ship yard of Manuel Eyre, at Kensington, on the 26th of July, and Captain Charles Alexander assigned to its command. This was the commencement of the Pennsylvania State Navy, antedating three months the first legislation of Congress, (October 13, 1775,) in regard to a Navy.

The names of the builders of the greater part of the vessels have come down to us. The Franklin and Congress were built by Manuel Eyre; the Washington by John Wharton; the Burke by Warnock Coates; the Hancock by William Williams; the Camden by Simon Sherlock; the Effingham by Casdrop and Fullerton; the Ranger by Samuel Robins; the Dickinson by John Rice, and the Warren by Joseph Marsh.

Among the first commissions issued subsequent to those above mentioned were those of Nicholas Biddle, as Captain of the Franklin, August 1, 1775; John Hamilton, of the Congress, August 2; Allen Moore, of the Effingham, August 3, and James Montgomery, of the Ranger, August 31; and by the 15th of September, the navy was upon a permanent footing, officered as follows: Bull Dog, Captain Alexander Henderson, Lieutenant John Webb; Burke, Captain James Blair, Lieutenant John Chatham, Camden, Captain Richard Eyre, Lieutenant George Garland; Chatham, Captain Charles Alexander, Lieutenant Robert Pomeroy; Congress, Captain John Hamilton, Lieutenant Hugh Montgomery; Dickinson, Captain John Rice, Lieutenant James Allen; Experiment, Captain Allen Moore, Lieutenant Benjamin Thompson; Effingham, Lieutenant John Hennessy; Franklin, Captain Nicholas Biddle, Lieutenant Thomas Houston; Hancock, Captain John Moulder, Lieutenant David Ford; Ranger, Captain James Montgomery, Lieutenant Gibbs Jones; Warren, Captain Samuel Davidson, Lieutenant Jeremiah Simmons; Washington, Captain Henry Dougherty, Lieutenant Nathan Boys.

The cost of this fleet was estimated at £550 per boat; the boats were propelled by rowers, each boat carrying two howitzers, besides swivels, pikes and muskets. By the 28th of December ten fire rafts were constructed, and Captain John Hazlewood appointed Commander and Superintendent, at present, over the whole fleet of rafts.*—Col. Rec., Vol. X, p. 432.

To the naval force were added, in 1776, two floating batteries called the Arnold and the Putnam, a ship of war called the Montgomery, the Aetna, a fire sloop, and six guard boats. According to a return on the 1st of August, 1776, the number of vessels in commission was twenty-seven, and the number of the men in actual service seven hundred and sixty-eight.

On the 14th of September, 1775, John M. Nesbit was appointed Paymaster, and on the 16th John Ross, Muster Master of the Navy, the latter, in accepting the appointment, said he would undertake it for the good of the service, and would accept no pay therefor. (He acted in this capacity until the 23d of February, 1776.) On the 27th of September Dr. Benjamin Rush was appointed Surgeon, and on the 10th of October

* The fire rafts were thirty-five feet long and thirteen wide, the floors closed and caulked, with a wash board and rails to confine the materials. They were loaded with hogsheads and other casks, the staves of tar barrels, oil barrels, turpentine and rosin casks, with hay or straw, turpentine, brimstone and other combustible substances thrown into the hogsheads and between them, a quantity of pine wood intermixed, and powdered rosin strewed over the whole to convey the fire with greater rapidity to every part.

Dr. Duffield Assistant Surgeon, each to receive sixteen dollars per month for their services. On the 23d of October Captain Thomas Read had the honor of receiving the appointment of Commodore, the first officer of that title of the naval forces of America.

Congress had, by resolution, allowed all merchant vessels until the month of September to get away from Philadelphia; immediately after which two tiers of the Chevaux de Frize were sunk opposite Fort Island, (called also Mud Island,) just below the mouth of the Schuylkill, to which a third tier was added soon after. Two tiers were sunk farther down the river, near Marcus Hook, and many hulks of vessels in the different channels of the river. The track through these obstructions was concealed from general knowledge, and ten pilots were taken into the pay of the State, who alone conveyed vessels through the passage. The buoys were all removed from the Delaware below the city, and pilots were stationed at Lewes, Delaware, and at Cape May, who piloted vessels up as far as Chester, where the Chevaux de Frize pilots took charge of them. The fire rafts were stationed part in Darby Creek, on the Delaware side of the river, part in Mantua creek, on the Jersey side, eleven miles below Camden, and part in the Schuylkill river; and fire vessels were stationed between the Chevaux de Frize and the mouth of Woodbury creek, which is a little above Mantua creek. Signal and alarm posts were established and alarm boats stationed near them. Post No. 1 was at Cape Henlopen, under charge of Major Henry Fisher, of Lewes, No. 3 at Mother-kill, No. 8 at Chester, No. 10 at Billingsport, and so on up to the city; and thus news of the arrival of any vessels off Cape Henlopen were conveyed to the Board within twenty-four hours. The usual station of the fleet was at Fort Island; it was manned in part by sailors and crews of enlisted men, filled up, as occasion required, by the Associators and militia.

In October a Continental fleet was fitted out by Congress, at Philadelphia, and the Committee of Safety loaned its vessels all the gun powder it could spare, furnished it with a great quantity of arms, and, in addition, resolved that its officers might enlist one hundred men from among the crews of the armed boats who were willing to enter the service of the United Colonies. This fleet left Philadelphia in December, 1775, but was frozen up near Reedy Island and did not finally leave the bay until the 17th of February ensuing.

Service in the State fleet being too monotonous to suit the naval ardor of ambitious officers, we note many resignations

by them in order to enter the Continental service. Among these were Captain Nicholas Biddle,* December 9, and Captain Josiah James, December 11; Captain Thomas Read, Captain Charles Alexander, etc.; subsequently, in 1776.

On the 13th of January, 1776, Andrew Caldwell was
1776. appointed Commander-in-Chief of the fleet, "he having been applied to take the command and consenting thereto." On the 22d of January a muster showed four hundred and ten men employed on board the armed boats. On the 3d of February, the pay of the Captains of the armed boats was increased to £10 per month, or $26.66, pay of the First Lieutenant to $17 per month, and of the Second Lieutenants to $17 per month; two-thirds of all prize money to be distributed among the captors, one-third to be retained by the committee for use of the widows and children of those killed in battle. On the 13th of March seamen's wages were fixed at seven dollars per month and two dollars bounty to be paid one month after enlistment. The Commodore's pay was sixty dollars per month.

On the 5th of March, John Mitchell was appointed Muster Master, and on the same day William Brown, the First Captain of Marines, in the State service. On the 6th, Captain Thomas Read was made second in command of the fleet, and the boats all ordered to Fort Island. On the 9th, Captain Samuel Davidson was appointed to the command of the floating battery Ar-

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* Captain Nicholas Biddle was born in Philadelphia, in 1750, went to sea when only thirteen years of age, and after many voyages entered the British service as midshipman. He afterwards went with Captain Phipps on a voyage towards the North Pole, in company with Nelson, who was also a volunteer. Biddle returned to America in 1775, and entered the Pennsylvania naval service as Captain of the Franklin. He was appointed by resolution of Congress. December 22, 1775, Captain of the Andrea Doria, a little brig carrying fourteen guns, and sailed with Commodore Hopkins' squadron on the 17th of February, 1776, from Delaware Bay. The Doria, while on this cruise, actually took two armed transports filled with soldiers, and made prizes of so many merchant men, that when she got back to the Delaware but five of the common men who composed her crew were on her; the rest having been put in the prizes, and their places supplied by volunteers from among the prisoners. On his return, Biddle was appointed to the Randolph. The Randolph was blown up in an engagement with the Yarmouth, at sea, eastward of Barbadoes, on the 7th of March, 1778, and all but four, out of three hundred and fifteen men, perished. Captain Biddle was severely wounded in the thigh, and is said to have been seated in a chair, with the Surgeon examining his injuries, when the ship blew up. He died unmarried, though engaged at the time to a lady in Charleston. Cooper's Naval History, Vol. I, p. 147.

nold, and John Mitchell had to his other duty added, that of commissary of provisions for the naval forces.

"The first opportunity given this fleet to defend its native waters was, when on the night of the 6th of May, 1776, an express arrived with the information that two ships of war and other vessels, supposed to be tenders, were coming up the river. The Committee of Safety ordered Captain Thomas Read, Commander of the ship Montgomery and Andrew Caldwell, Commodore, to proceed with thirteen armed boats and the fire vessel Aetna, to attack the enemy. The enemy's vessels were the frigate Roebuck, Captain Hammond, of forty-eight guns, and the sloop of war Liverpool, Captain Bellew, of twenty-eight guns, with their tenders. Captain Proctor of the artillery, who had command at Fort Island, volunteered with one hundred men, and served on board the Hornet. The Montgomery, the Continental ship Reprisal, Captain Weeks, and the floating battery Arnold, remained near the Chevaux de Frize, in a line with the forts, but the boats proceeded down the river near the mouth of Christiana creek.

"On the afternoon of the 8th, the Flotilla came in sight of the enemy. The boats opened fire with spirit, the cannonade on both sides being very heavy and lasting for three or four hours with no particular damage on either side, so wrote Colonel Miles who was on the river bank near Wilmington with one hundred riflemen to render any assistance that might be necessary. The Roebuck ran aground, and the Liverpool came to anchor to cover her. During the engagement the Continental schooner Wasp, Captain Charles Alexander, which had been chased into Wilmington creek, came out amid the confusion, and captured an English brig belonging to the squadron. It being nearly dark and the provincial vessels being but poorly provided with ammunition, firing ceased on both sides. The British worked faithfully during the night and succeeded in getting their vessels off. An American prisoner on board, said much solicitude was expressed about the movements of the fire ship. For some reason no effort was made to send the Aetna against the Roebuck before she got off. On Thursday morning at five o'clock the action was renewed with so much vigor and skill that the ships were obliged to return to the Capes. They were followed by the boats as far as New Castle.

"The Captains of the boats complained very much of the character of the supplies furnished them by the Committee. On the second day they had to cut up their blankets, trowsers

and stockings to compensate for defective cartridges; and they also cut up cables and netting for wads for the guns. The Captains published a statement setting forth these facts and blaming the Committee of Safety for the comparative failure of the expedition. The Assembly appointed a committee to investigate the subject, which reported that the galleys had sufficient ammunition and that the Committee was not in fault. But this report was attacked by the captains, who alleged that the committee had never heard any evidence upon the subject.

"The boats brought up to the city after the action, splinters from the enemy's vessels knocked off by the American shot, which were exhibited at the Coffee House, exciting much interest. The loss of the boats was one killed and two wounded; the loss of the British, one man killed and five wounded. The Roebuck and the Liverpool resumed their old stations at Cape May, where they organized invasions of the neighboring shores and captured all the American vessels that came within their reach."—(Westcott's History of Philadelphia.)

On the 25th of May, 1776, Commodore Caldwell resigned on account of ill-health. By and order dated the 29th, the committee devolved the chief command, for the present, upon Captain Thomas Read; the latter resigned on the 5th of June to enter the Continental service; and on the 15th of June Captain Samuel Davidson was appointed Commodore. The appointment was unacceptable to the Captains; and Captains Dougherty, Rice and Hamilton, in the name of themselves and others, sent the Committee a memorial setting forth their determination not to obey the commands of Commodore Davidson. The matter was referred to a committee of conference, which, on the 25th of June, recommended the Committee of Safety to confine Commodore Davidson's authority to the ship of war and floating battery, and to issue no orders to the officers of the row gallies, fire ships and fire rafts. On the 27th, orders, as eldest Captain of the boats and galleys, were issued to Captain Henry Dougherty by the Committee of Safety. The Committee of Safety stood by Commodore Davidson as long as possible; in their address, dated July 2d, they set forth that he was appointed at a meeting whereat fourteen members were present, with not one dissenting voice; that he was conspicuous for care and attention to duty; that he maintained strict discipline, yet had the address to conciliate the regard and affections of his crew, and always kept his boat well manned; but that the resistance of the officers of the

armed boats was countenanced and supported by men whose decision on public questions influence, in some degree, public opinion; mutiny was justified and abetted, and disobedience triumphed over authority. The Committee thought it their duty to adhere to their appointment, but the conference committees interposed by the resolution before referred to. Matters finally reached a climax on the 27th of August, when the Council of Safety* having heard the complaints made against Commodore Davidson, resolved that most of the charges were frivolous, and discover a dangerous spirit of licentiousness amongst the other officers; but as it appears to the council that the officers of the fleet in general have not the respect for, and confidence in, the said Samuel Davidson which is absolutely necessary to give vigor and efficacy to the command, notwithstanding the known merits of the said Davidson, yet the charge of incompetency is not altogether without foundation; it is

Resolved, That the said Samuel Davidson, Esq., be no longer continued in command, and he is accordingly dismissed from the same.

On the 2d of September, Samuel Mifflin, Esq., was appointed Commodore and Commander-in-Chief of all the naval armaments of the State. On the 20th he declined the appointment, and on the 26th, Thomas Seymore was appointed.

It appears by a letter to be found on page 46, Volume V, Pennsylvania Archives, that as late as October 15, 1776, the fleet was without colors, no design having been at that date as yet fixed upon for them. The first colors made for the fleet that we have any record of, were made by Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, of Philadelphia. (See minutes of the State Navy Board, ante, May 29, 1777.) The uniform of the marines was a brown coat faced with green, letters, 1. P. B. on the buttons, and a cocked hat.

In December, when the British army threatened Philadephia, the armed boats lent efficient service in transporting General Washington's army across the Delaware, and the marines commanded by Captain William Brown, took part in the battle of Princeton on the 3d of January, 1777, and remained attached to the army until the 23d of that month.

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*This body was appointed, on the 23d of July, by the Convention of the State, which sat from July 15, to September 28, 1776, to form a Constitution, and consisted of twenty-six persons, many of them different from those of the former committee.

On the 13th of March, 1777, the Supreme Executive
1777. Council appointed a Navy Board, to whom was committed all powers necessary for the good of that service; the proceedings of this Board up to near the date of the entrance of the British into Philadelphia, September 26, 1777, have been recovered, but no minutes of their proceedings afterwards can be found after diligent search.

This Board entered very promptly upon the duties of its appointment, meeting with many difficulties, boats out of repair and inefficiently manned, difficulties about rank in the fleet, all of which it succeeded in overcoming. In April, 1777, when it was thought Philadelphia, would be attacked, this Board was invested with all powers in its department necessary to ensure the public safety, and a proclamation was issued forbidding the sailing of all vessels from the port without its permission.

On the 6th of September, the command of the naval force was committed to John Hazlewood, Esq., as Commodore, on account of the age and infirmities of Commodore Seymore, the emergency requiring greater vigor and activity than could be expected at Commodore Seymour's age. The battle of Brandywine occurred on the 11th, and was followed by the entry of the British into Philadelphia on the 26th. On the 23d, all boats above Market street were ordered up to Burlington, those below, down to Fort Island, and some of the galleys were stationed so as to sweep the streets, but with the tide, dropped down below the city, and the whole fleet was soon hemmed between the city and the British fleet below the Chevaux de Frize, at Billingsport. The State Navy Board, or at least the active members of it, Messrs. Blewer, Bradford and others, followed the fleet and held their sessions on board its vessels, as appears by the letters in the Archives, Vol. V, p. 723, &c.

On the 22d of October occurred Count Dunop's attack on Fort Mercer, at Red Bank. It commenced at four o'clock, and with the first sound of the Count's cannon, the British fleet consisting of the Augusta, a new sixty-four gun vessel, the Roebuck, forty-four guns, the Merlin frigate, the Liverpool, and several other vessels which had got through the barrier at Billingsport, attempted to make its way up the river to assist the attack. The State fleet, under Commodore Hazlewood, immediately engaged these vessels and drove them back; the galleys also were of great service in flanking the enemy at the Fort. Going down the river, the Augusta and Merlin ran aground. Hearing of which, on the morning of the 23d,

the Commodore immediately hoisted signal to engage, and the action soon became general. The Augusta took fire and blew up, and not being able to get the Merlin off, she was burned by her crew. Commodore Hazlewood, was, by a vote of Congress of the 4th of November, honored with a sword for his gallant conduct in this action.

Pending the reduction of Fort Mifflin, on Hog Island, the fleet was actively engaged defending the pass between it and the Jersey shore, took a part in the actions before the Fort was burned and abandoned by our troops on the 16th of November, losing in one day, thirty-eight men killed and wounded. For a full account of its services, see Commodore Hazlewood's letter, Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 6, page 47. On the 20th, Fort Mercer was abandoned by our troops, and the fleet could no longer lie in safety under Red Bank; accordingly, after holding a council of the captains of the galleys, it was determined to pass by the city in the night, and take refuge in the Delaware above Burlington. At three o'clock on the morning of the 21st, the Commodore got under way, and about half past four passed the city without having a shot fired at the convoy. It consisted of thirteen galleys, twelve armed boats, province sloop, ammunition sloop, convention brig, an accommodation sloop, one provision sloop, one schooner and two flats with stores; the schooner Delaware, Captain Eyre, was driven on shore and set on fire. An attempt was made to get the Continental fleet up but failed, and its vessels Andrea Doria, Xebex, &c., with the Province ships and the two floating batteries were set on fire and burned.

The State Navy wintered at stations along the river, 1778. the Navy Board keeping up its sessions at Trenton, Bordentown and other convenient points. On the 4th of February, 1778, Commodore Hazlewood writes that they had a great many killed and wounded,* and a great many ran away since he had been in winter quarters. Gen. Washington, on occasions, sent soldiers from the army to man the vessels. In April, in compliance with the orders of Gen. Washington, after a rather stubborn resistance on the part of the Navy Board, the galleys, shallops and brig were dismantled and sunk, shot buried, the officers and seamen for the most part

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* There were about seventy killed and wounded in the different actions with the enemy's ships and batteries; the wounded were taken to Trenton and wintered, thence to Lancaster and brought back to Philadelphia after the evacuation. Dr. Standley's letter, Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 7, page 165.

dismissed, and stores lodged in places of safety in New Jersey. Enough officers remained, however, to take part in court martials which were held in May, at Trenton.

As early as the 13th of June, in anticipation of the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British, Commodore Hazlewood commenced raising his galleys and cleaning them; he writes, "I wish I had it in my power to give the enemy a scouring before they get out of the river." The British evacuated Philadelphia on the 18th of June, and on the 9th of July, the Commodore reported the armed boats all afloat and getting ready for service; thereupon the Convention brig was ordered to be fitted out as soon as possible, and it, with the armed boats, to go down into the bay; and in a short time three of the galleys and three of the barges were fitted and manned, the rest were laid up, except one galley which was sunk in Crosswicksunk creek, near Bordentown; three river crafts also remained.

On the 25th, the Supreme Executive Council took into consideration the case of John Gilfray, boatswain of the ship Montgomery, found guilty of deserting to the enemy and under sentence of death. It being the first conviction of an offence of this kind in the State fleet, he was pardoned, and Commodore Hazlewood was authorized to offer full pardon to all deserters who returned before the 1st of September. On the 31st, Doctor James Hutchinson was appointed Surgeon of the fleet.

On the 17th of August, in pursuance of a recommendation to that purpose by the General Assembly, the Navy Board was dismissed with the thanks of the House to the members thereof, for their services in the public cause. The Council was also authorized to discharge the Commodore and all other officers and men belonging to the Navy of the Commonwealth, except such as they shall deem necessary to officer and man a number of galleys, not exceeding three, and a number of guard boats, not exceeding three; and they were also authorized to sell as many of the guard boats as they might think proper; the brig Convention to be sent out as a privateer, under Captain Thomas Houston, to cruize against the enemies of the United States. The three galleys retained in service were the Hancock, to which Captain Garland was appointed, the Chatham, Captain Roach, and the Franklin, Captain Boys; the three guard boats retained were commanded by Captains Thomas Hazlewood, Beasley and Martin; the State sloop, commanded by Captain Joseph Wade, was also retained, but Captain Wade resigned on the 12th of December, and Captain

Hazlewood received a furlough, to make a voyage to the West Indies, on the 1st.

In the beginning of September, Lieutenant Samuel Lyon, of the Dickinson galley, and Lieutenant Samuel Ford of the Effingham galley, who deserted during the attack upon Fort Mifflin, were executed upon one of the guard boats in the Delaware. Joseph Wilson, First Lieutenant of the Ranger, and John Lawrence, one of the gunners of the fleet, who deserted at the same time, and were under sentence of death, were reprieved September 1, 1778, and finally pardoned.

On the 7th of December, the Council ordered the sale on Friday the 11th, of ten galleys, nine armed boats, the brig Convention, the sloops Speedwell, Sally, Industry and Black Duck, and the schooner Lydia, for cash only. Blair McClanachan bought the Convention.

1779. On the 25th March, 1779, by a resolution of the General Assembly, the officers, seamen and marines in the naval service of the State,were declared entitled to all the benefits the officers and soldiers of the State employed in the army of the United States were entitled to, and Captain Boys, commanding officer of the galley was directed by the Council to make out a complete return. His return dated on the 31st, shows the Franklin, Hancock, Chatham, Fame, Viper and Lion still in commission, with five captains, six lieutenants and one hundred and eighteen men.

In the latter part of March, the ship General Green was purchased by the Council, and Captain James Montgomery put in command. Captain Robert Caldwell, formerly of Atlee's regiment, taken prisoner at Fort Washington, was appointed Captain of the marines on board of the General Green, and John Hambright, Jr., First Lieutenant. Great difficulty was experienced in manning this ship; sailors after receiving their bounty, running away on merchant vessels, which compelled the Council to put an embargo on outward bound vessels. On the 25th of May, she was ordered to proceed to sea, and on the 10th of June sent in her first prize, the Impertinent privateer, taken near the Capes of the Delaware. On the 22d of September, Captain Montgomery reports the capture of the privateer Bayard, and on the 6th of October, three additional prizes.

Her success, no doubt, tempted the cupidity of some parties high in influence, and she was ordered to be sold, which was done about the 1st of November. A committee was subsequently appointed to investigate the matter of the sale, who reported it as being greatly under value, but as regards the purchasers appeared fair; it fails to report who was to blame.

On the 25th of November, the Council passed a resolution to discharge all officers and men of the navy the situation of public affairs being such as to admit of so doing. Accordingly, on the third of December, about one hundred officers and men were discharged. For a list see Colonial Records, Vol. XII, page 187. W. C. Bradford, Paymaster and Ludwig Sprogell, Muster Master, were discharged on the 7th.

On the 13th of January, the number of officers and men
1780. being very small, Mr. Crispin, the Commissary, was directed to cease issuing rations after the 15th, render his account, and thereupon be discharged. The names of the officers and men remaining in the Navy on the 23d of June, 1780, will appear in the last return that could be found *postea*.

On the 13th of February, 1781, the officers and men
1781. were all discharged, excepting Captain Boys, and such of the men as were disabled in the State service. On the 20th of December, 1781, the Council discharged Captain Nathan Boys, and declare, that sensible of his merit as an officer they think it proper to declare their approbation of his conduct during the time he has been in the public service, and to assure him that they discharge him because the service in which he was engaged was at an end, and for no other cause.

# GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE FLEET.

(Captain Thomas Read, of the Montgomery, was placed in command of the navy, October 23, 1775, being senior officer of the squadron. March 6, 1776, after the selection of Commodore, he was appointed by the Executive Council as "second in command." He resigned his position June 7, 1777.)

## Commodores.

Caldwell, Andrew, January 13, 1776; resigned May 25, 1776, on account of ill-health.

Davidson, Samuel, from Captain of the Arnold Battery, June 15, 1776; dismissed August 27, 1776.

Mifflin, Samuel, September 2, 1776; declined September 20, 1776.

Seymour, Thomas, September 26, 1776; discharged September 6, 1777.

Hazlewood, John, from Superintendent of fire vessels, October 1, 1776, to second in command; to full command September 6, 1777.

## Surgeons.

Rush, Benjamin, September 27, 1775; resigned July 1, 1776.

Dunlap, James, July 5, 1776; resigned September, 1777.

Standley, Valentine, from Surgeon of Montgomery, October 1, 1777; discharged February 1, 1779.

Hutchinson, James, from Surgeon's Mate, February 1, 1779.

## Surgeon's Mate.

Duffield, John, October 10, 1775; resigned July 1, 1776.

Hutchinson, James, July 31, 1778; to Surgeon February 1, 1779.

## Paymasters.

Nesbit, John Maxwell, September 14, 1775.

Webb, William, March 1, 1777.

Bradford, William C., November 6, 1777; discharged December 7, 1779.

Muster Masters.

Ross, John, October 6, 1775; resigned February 23, 1776.
Mitchell, John, March 5, 1776; resigned October 21, 1776.
Sprogel, Ludwig, October 21, 1776; discharged December 7, 1779.

Commissaries.

Mitchell, John, (acting,) March 9, 1776.
Crispin, William, August 3, 1778.
Henry, George, December 22, 1778.

Ship's Husbands.

Long, Peter, October 8, 1775.
Richards, William, May 21, 1776.

Masters-at-Arms.

Chamberlain, Edward, September 23, 1775; resigned March 12, 1776.
Myers, Jacob, February 21, 1776.

Superintendent of Fire Vessels.

Hazlewood, John, December 28, 1775; promoted to Commodore October 1, 1776.

(Note.—The following muster rolls of the Pennsylvania Navy, during the Revolution, are as complete as it has been possible at this late day to make them. Many of the vessels were longer in service than designated, the time only of the first and last rolls being given. In cases where the exact dates of the commissions of officers and enlistments of men could not be ascertained, those of the first muster rolls are given. Where there is a wide difference in the orthography of names, both are given, one enclosed in brackets. The dates within brackets are those of original entry into service.)

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE SLOOP AETNA.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1 1776, and end January 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Gamble, William, March 26, 1776; discharged by Council of Safety October 19, 1776.

Brice, John, from First Lieutenant of the Warren, October 19, 1776; to the Vulcano, March 11, 1777.

Clark, William, April 7, 1777; cashiered January 13, 1778.

### Lieutenants.

Clark, William, May 29, 1776; promoted to Captain, April 7, 1777.

Nakervis, Paul, April 21, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Peterkin, John, October 3, 1777; ran away October, 1777.

### Boatswain.

Ballentine, Roberts, December 21, 1776; shipped with Captain Hardy as gunner, January 21, 1777.

Preston, John, April 2, 1777; ran away October, 1777.

### Steward.

Smith, Thomas, November 11, 1776; ("a steward not allow'd for the above Vessel by the Honorable Council of Safety.")

### Privates.

Britnall, Jesse, December 24, 1776; injured by a fall from the shrouds on board the Vulcano, March 15, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Jemmison, Matthew, December 24, 1776; shipped on board the fire brig Vulcano, March 20, 1777.

Kerr, Adam, May 20, 1776; shipped on board the Congress, October, 1777.

Moore, John, December 24, 1776; ran away September, 1777.

Morris William, December 21, 1776; ran away December 25, 1776.

O'Dermott, Dennis, from the Congress, June 1, 1776; to the Fame, December 1, 1777.

Rendowel, Charles, February 17, 1776; discharged February 24, 1777, unfit for the service.

John, a negro, October 3, 1777; ran away, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT ARGUS.

[The Muster Rolls commence April 7, 1777, and end January 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Galt, Nathaniel, April 7, 1777; taken prisoner January, 1778, discharged May 8, 1780.

### Gunners.

Fox, Peter, April 19, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Robinet, John September, 1777

### Privates.

Allen, Nehemiah, May 1, 1777.

Corelason, Aughto, May 24, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Fox, Joseph, May 14, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Granburg, Ralph, May 24, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, September, 1777.

Hufty, Isaac, April 28, 1777.

Johnston, Richard, May 5, 1777; ran away May, 1777.

Maxwell, William, April 25, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, September 6, 1777; returned December 6, 1777; discharged December 31, 1777, by order of Navy Board.

M'Curley, Michael, June 10, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, September, 1777.

M'Mahan, Barney, May 23, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, September, 1777.

Narden, John, July 26, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, September, 1777.

Sivet, John, April 23, 1777; discharged September 1, 1777.

Tarry, Nathan, May 1, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARNOLD BATTERY.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end August 1, 1777.]

### Captains.

Davison, Samuel, from command of the Warren, March 9, 1776; appointed Commodore June 15, 1776.

Simmons, Jeremiah, October 1, 1776.

### First Lieutenants.

Hennessey, John, from the Effingham, March 15, 1776.

Rice, Joseph, October 1, 1776; discharged March 4, 1777.

Fell, Thomas, from the Washington, April 1, 1777; to the Burke, September 1, 1778.

### Second Lieutenants.

M'Fatrich, John. March 22, 1776; to Captain of the Washington, October 1, 1776.

Fitzsimmons, Nicholas, from Second Lieutenant, October 1, 1776; to First Lieutenant of the Effingham, May 1, 1778.

### Third Lieutenants.

Fitzsimmons, Nicholas, March 15, 1776, to Second Lieutenant, October 1, 1776.

Dean, John, October 4, 1776; broke by court martial, February 26; 1777.

Jones, Thomas, April 20, 1777.

### Masters.

Fell, Thomas, March 15, 1776; to First Lieutenant, Washington, March 14, 1777.

Ross, John, from Mate, April 1, 1777.

### Mates.

Ross, John, March 15, 1776; to Master, April 1, 1776.

Jones, Isaac, (March 15, 1776,) October 1, 1776.

### Gunners.

Lancaster, Joseph, March 15, 1776; discharged October 25, 1776

Nutterfield, Christopher, October 26, 1776.

Gunner's Mates.

Campbell, Alexander, March 15, 1776; to Gunner on the Washington, October 25, 1776.
Gallagher, John, October 25, 1776.

Boatswain.

Cooper, Peter, March 15, 1776.

Boatswain's Mates.

Bryan, James, March 15, 1776.
M'Lane, John, March 15, 1776.
Garret, David, March 15, 1776; entered Continental service, December 1, 1776.
Bird, David, from Seaman, October 1, 1776.
Hall, William, March 15, 1776.

Carpenter.

Buckley, James, March 15, 1776.

Carpenter's Mates.

Osler, Thomas, March 15, 1776.
Steward, Daniel, July 11, 1776.
Clownish, James, from Seaman, October 1, 1776.
Drake, Hugh, January 12, 1777.

Quarter Gunners.

Leport, Thomas, March 15, 1776.
Murphy, John, March 15, 1776.
Speese, Henry, from Clerk on the Warren, March 15, 1776; to Lieutenant on the Washington, October 4, 1776.

Steward's Mate.

Mitchell, Philip, March 15, 1776; discharged June 1, 1776.
Morris, Daniel, March 15, 1776.

Clerks.

Hopes, John, March 15, 1776.
Walter, Thomas, March 19, 1776.

Armourer.

Patton, John, from Seaman, October 1, 1776.

Quartermasters.

Donald, George, March 15, 1776.
Jemison, Duncan, March 15, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.
M'Gowans, Patrick, March 15, 1776.
Work, Robert, March 15, 1776.
Higgins, Arthur, from Seaman, February 1, 1777.
Finley, William, May 3, 1777.

Cook.

Dean, John, March 15, 1776; drowned April 5, 1777.

Seamen.

Adams, John, April 2, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.
Bottom, George, March 15, 1776.
Boyd, William, July 21, 1777.
Burd, David, March 27, 1776; to Boatswain's Mate, October 1, 1776.
Brown, Gabriel, April 23, 1777.
Burd, Edward, April 7, 1776.
Brown, John, January 1, 1777; to the Washington, March 20, 1777.
Barry, David, April 15, 1776; lamed in service, discharged November 1, 1776.
Burk, John, August 24, 1776.
Bromley, John, November 17, 1776; to the Washington, February 1, 1777.
Boyle, Caleb, from the Montgomery, November 1, 1776.
Connard, Henry, March 15, 1776,
Carlton, Thomas, January 25, 1777.
Castleton, Thomas, February 1, 1777.
Courtney, David, March 15, 1776.
Cochran, Edward, March 15, 1776.
Cooper, Peter, March 15, 1776; discharged May 28, 1777.
Clage, John, April 16, 1777.
Clownish, James, March 22, 1776; to Carpenter's Mate, October 1, 1776.
Coates, Benjamin, March 15, 1776.
Creeley, Edward, April 26, 1776.
Crow. Robert, March 27, 1776.
Camoll, Daniel, from the Montgomery, November 1, 1776.
Campbell, Daniel, March 15, 1776.
Campbell, John, September 5, 1776; ran away April 1, 1777.
Cannon, James, April 14, 1777.
Drake, Hugh, March 15, 1776; appointed Carpenter's Mate. February 1, 1777.

Duncan, Stewart, March 15, 1776.
Dugan, James, March 27, 1776; discharged July 21, 1776.
Dormer, Edward, (a boy,) May 19, 1777.
Doyle, John, April 22, 1777.
Donnall, James, March 1, 1777.
Davis, Garret, March 19, 1776.
Davis, John, September 14, 1776.
Donnell, John, August 24, 1776.
Dougherty, James, July 24, 1776.
Downall, James, August 24, 1776; drowned October 9, 1776.
Erwin, James, March 15, 1776.
Elford, John, March 16, 1776.
Ellis, Joseph, March 15, 1776; drowned August 20, 1776.
Fairbanks, Thomas, March 15, 1776.
Fell, James, (a boy,) June 14, 1776.
Fennemore, Henry, May 5, 1776.
Finley, William, Quartermaster, May 3, 1777.
Frell, Edward, March 22, 1776.
Flinn, Faron, March 15, 1776.
Flinn, Edward, March 26, 1776.
Fitzsimmons, John, (boy,) April 11, 1776.
Fitzpatrick, John, May 9, 1777.
Fitzgerald, Morris, July 13, 1776.
Gore, Ralph, June 6, 1777.
Gallagher, John, March 15, 1776; to Gunner's Mate, October 25, 1776.
Gordan, Peter, March 15, 1776.
Gard, John, March 28, 1776.
Gard, William, June 3, 1776.
Gibbons, Walter, March 28, 1776.
Gibbons, Edward, March 28, 1776.
Gibbons, Richard, March 28, 1776.
Granning, Thomas, August 11, 1776; ran away April 1, 1777.
Higgins, Arthur, March 15, 1776; to Quartermaster, February 1, 1777.
Hyser, Thomas, March 15, 1776.
Hall, William, March 27, 1776; to Boat Mate, February 1, 1777.
Higgins, Owen, April 2, 1776.
Harrison, John, April 3, 1776; discharged November 1, 1776.
Hutton, John, April 27, 1776.
Holden, Mathew, June 9, 1777.
Hanson, Peter, June 6, 1777.
James, Andrew, March 15, 1776.

Jones, Robert, July 16, 1776.
Keller, John, March 26, 1777.
Kent, Samuel, discharged, August 22, 1776.
Lambert, Thomas, March 27, 1776.
Levington, Neal, April 15, 1776.
Laycock, John, March 15, 1776.
M'Entire, (McIntire) James, September 17, 1776.
M'Bride, John, March 15, 1776.
Mitchell, Philip, March 15, 1776.
Mitchell, Thomas, March 15, 1776.
M'Castleton, James, March 15, 1776.
M'Collum, Allen, March 26, 1776.
M'Quiltons, Anthony, October 18, 1776.
M'Cartney, John, July 21, 1776; ran away May 4, 1776.
M'Field, Archibald, March 19, 1776.
M'Field, Laughlin, January 9, 1777; ran away February 22, 1777.
Murphy, Daniel, May 21, 1776.
M'Gill, Patrick, April 9, 1776.
M'Cullough, Robert, July 16, 1776.
M'Donnell, John, March 15, 1776.
M'Coy, Daniel, October 1, 1776; discharged April 25, 1777, by order of Navy Board.
Nuterfield, Christopher, March 15, 1776.
Owen, John, June 16.
Patton, John, April 13, 1776; to Armourer, October 1, 1776.
Pendergrass, Patrick, March 26, 1776; May 22, 1776, discharged to Effingham Galley.
Piggott, Thomas, July 13, 1776.
Preston, Thomas, May 9, 1777.
Quarters, Jesse, March 15, 1776; ran away October 12.
Ravillee, Nicholas, April 29, 1777.
Ross, David, (a boy,) March 1, 1776; discharged November 23, 1776.
Reynolds, Elisha, April 1, 1776.
Ralliston, Joseph, June 12, 1776.
Robison, Jeremiah, September 5, 1776.
Stoy, Daniel, (a boy,) March 15, 1776.
Shephard, Josiah, March 15, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Smith, Robert, May 23, 1776.
Stokes, Robert, April 27, 1777.
Thomas, William, November 1; ran away December 25, 1776.
Tingle, Samuel, March 15, 1776.
Williams, William, April 10, 1777,
White, James, August 20.

Wagalar, Abraham, April 5, 1777.
Watches, Thomas, March 19, 1776; discharged by Navy Board, January 1, 1777.
Whitehead, John, March 27, 1776.
Williams, John, April 4, 1776.
Young, Alexander, March 15; ran away December 28, 1776.

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## MARINES.

### Captain.

Forest, Thomas, March 13, 1776.

### First Sergeant.

Lower, Philip, March 15, 1776.

### Second Sergeant.

Clifton, Joseph, March 16, 1776.

### Drummer.

Jones, Abner, January 25, 1777.

### Privates.

Alexander, George, April 2, 1776; died at Hospital January, 1777.
Ashley, William, April 7, 1776.
Burkart, Peter, April 16, 1776.
Chapman, Jonathan, April 9, 1776.
Daniels, Dayton, April 9, 1776; died August 23, 1776.
Dawson, George, April 5, 1776; discharged May, 1776.
Durnat, James, March 15, 1776.
Flannagan, William, March 20, 1776; died May 17, 1777.
Furguson, Richard, April 12, 1776.
Gettons, Edward, September 7, 1776.
Hall, John, March 20, 1776.
Jenning, Thomas, (drummer,) March 15, 1776.
Jones, Abram, February 1, 1777.
Kingsbury, Samuel, March 17, 1776.
Kilpatrick, Archibald, March 16, 1777.
M'Donald, Hugh, April 19, 1777.
M'Elroy, Charles, March 23, 1776.
M'Nair, Samuel, April, 2, 1776.

M'Nair, Robert, April 21, 1776.
M'Gill, Patrick, April 9, 1776.
M'Closkey, James, September, 12, 1776.
Owen, Eleazar, April 4, 1776.
Patterson, James, April 10, 1776.
Riggons, Nebuchadnezer, April 9, 1776; ran Away December 27, 1776.
Stanford, Andrew, April 2, 1776.
Sullivan, James, May 2, 1776.
Van Hook, Henry, April 11, 1776.
Weex, Apontes, April 12, 1776.

Memorandum of discoveries made in the Muster Rolls. In July roll: Joseph Ellis Drowned, Aug. 20, returned as absent, but 20 days' pay due, which should be paid Ellis' widow. Stopt under the pretence of having lent Ellis money. James Duggan discharged for being a servant. July 21 returned on muster roll as absent and a month's pay due. John Adams returned as sick July 27, in July Roll, and continued so in August roll; was discharged ye 1st Sept. and pay paid up to 1st Sept., and Adams only paid to August 1, amount to be refunded £2 10 0. Note—Adams says he got leave to come up in Mr. Hennessey's absence. Hennessey seeing him in town was very angry with him, ordered him to get another man in his room, that he would not keep him any longer in the service. Adams complied. It has several times happened in the fleet, when an officer took offence at a man, he ordered him on shore to get another in his place, the exchange generally turned out for the worse. Daniel Stewartt set down in the Book as discharged Sept. 20, when in fact he was discharged on the 20th of August, being a servant and no pay given him for that month, and 20 days pay paid Mr. Hennessey in July, when Steward acted as carpenter's mate.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT BASILISK.

[The Muster Rolls of the Basilisk, comprises two months, February and March, 1777; Captain Cowpland and crew of the Fame are in charge. On April 1, 1777, they are transferred to the Hawk.]

### Captain.

Cowpland, Jonathan, February 1, 1777; to the Hawk, April 1, 1777.

### Gunner.

Millington, John, March 7, 1777.

### Privates.

Bollard, Daniel, March 27, 1777.
Errickson, Charles, February 1, 1777.
Gibson, Andrew, February 1, 1777.
Johnston, George, February 4, 1777.
Rudolph, Joseph, February 1, 1777.
Screech, Joseph, February 1, 1777.
Sowder, John, February 1, 1777; "time shipp'd for expir'd 13th March, 1777."
Snowden, Joseph, February 1, 1777.
Vance, John, March 18, 1777.
Williams, James, February 11, 1777; ran away February 15, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE SHALLOP BLACK DUCK.

[The Muster Rolls commence September 1, 1777, and end April 15, 1778.]

### Master.

Wade, Robert, September 1, 1777; resigned April 15, 1778.

### Privates.

Mullen, John, September 1, 1777.
Rafferty, John, from schooner Delaware, December 1, 1777: "went with Capt. Brice," April 1, 1778.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE BRIGANTINE BLAST.

Captain.

M'Night, James, July 29, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT BRIMSTONE.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

Captain.

Watkins, William, May 27, 1776.

Gunner.

Gardner, John, May 27, 1776; discharged March 1, 1777; by Commodore Hazlewood, not attending duty; re-appointed September 1, 1778.

Privates.

Alcron, James, April 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Brown, John, August 11, 1777; ran away October 10, 1777.
Butler, William, May 8, 1777; claimed by Captain Mitchell, 11th Virginia Battalion, June 6, 1777.
Cooke, John, April 21, 1777; discharged July 31, 1777, unfit for the service.
Dowling, Thomas, March 31, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Downing, Robert, July, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776, "sickly and unfit for the service."
Gerrard, Isaac, June 1, 1776; died July 17, 1776.
Graff, Christopher, August 10, 1776; shipped as Master of the Accommodation sloop Defiance, November 21, 1776, in the place of Alexander Gardner, late Master.
Graham, James, July 1, 1776; sick in Philadelphia, October 10, 1776; died December 25, 1776.
Grimes, James, June 6, 1776.
Haywood, William, June 6, 1776; time shipped for expired January 6, 1777—unfit for service.

Horne, Andrew, March 26, 1777; (English deserter,) discharged April 8, 1777, by order of the Navy Board.

Knowles, William, June 8, 1777; to the Viper, April 1, 1778—returned May 1, 1778.

Lamb, Christopher, July 1, 1776; discharged on trial, not willing, July, 1776.

Lewis, Edward, March 23, 1777; ran away March 31, 1777.

Mackey, Daniel, July 1, 1776.

Marshall, Joseph, June 12, 1776; time shipped for expired January 12, 1777—not willing to stay.

M'Clary, Archibald, March 26, 1777; to the Viper, April 1, 1778—returned May 1, 1778.

M'Mark, Barney, April 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

M'Neal, Robert, July 8, 1777.

M'Quiston, Joseph, March 14, 1777; ran away March 20, 1777.

Mitchell, John, August 10, 1776; time shipped for expired March 10, 1777—not willing to stay.

Murphy, John, March 15, 1777; ran away March 20, 1777.

Murphy, Martin, July 5, 1777; discharged December 19, 1777.

Murphy, Stephen, (a boy,) October 1, 1777; ran away December, 1777.

Orton, William, June 6, 1776; time shipped for expired January 6, 1777—unfit for service.

Plunkett, John, March 15, 1777; ran away March 20, 1777.

Priestly, John, March 4, 1777; ran away June 16, 1777.

Rane, Stephen, May 28, 1777; ran away October, 1777.

Robinson, John, June 18, 1776; time shipped for expired January 18, 1777, did duty till January 26—not willing to stay.

Rogers, Francis, June 3, 1776; time shipped for expired January 3, 1777—unfit for service.

Scanlin, Dennis, July 1, 1776; discharged September 13, 1776—"sore leg and unfit for the service."

Shields, Andrew, September 24, 1777; to the Viper, April 1, 1778.

Singleton, William, March 19, 1777; turned over to Bull Dog Galley, June 6, 1777—abusing his Captain.

Sparks, Richard, March 26, 1777; (English deserter,) discharged April 8, 1777, by order of the Navy Board.

Steward, James, May 26, 1777; ran away October, 1777.

Taafee, Christopher, February 8, 1777; ran away April 21, 1777.

Wright, Richard, August 11, 1776; time shipped for expired March 11, 1777—not willing to stay.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT BULL DOG.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Alexander, Charles, July 24, 1775; to the Chatham, October 2, 1775.

Henderson, Alexander, October 2, 1775; to the Dickinson, October 1, 1776.

Potts, William, October 1, 1776.

### First Lieutenants.

Pomeroy, Robert, August 30, 1775; resigned October 2, 1775, in consequence of the Navy Board refusing to appoint him commander.

Webb, John, October 3, 1775; to Captain of the Experiment, May 7, 1776.

Brown, James, from Second Lieutenant of the Camden, May 7, 1776; to the Vesuvius, October 4, 1776.

Alexander, Samuel, October 10, 1776.

Barry, Theodorus, from the Camden, September 1, 1778.

### Second Lieutenants.

Lyell, William, November 6, 1775; to First Lieutenant of the Dickinson, October 1, 1776.

Laning, James, November 6, 1776.

M'Lean, John, from Boatswain, March 22, 1777; discharged April 16, 1777, went on board the Dickinson.

Rue, Lewis, April 19, 1777.

Campbell, Alexander, from the September 1, 1778.

### Gunners.

Lyons, Samuel, May 1, 1776.

Pike, Richard, (November 27, 1775,) from the Chatham, December 4, 1776.

Ribble, George, from Seaman, October 1, 1776; died February 17, 1777.

### Gunner's Mate.

Durald, Andrew, from Seaman, October 1, 1776; died February 20, 1777.

Boatswains.

Magsen, William, May 1, 1776; discharged July 15, 1776, by reason of incapacity.
M'Lean, John, from Seaman, July 16, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, March 22, 1777.
Vinyard, Charles, from Seaman, October 1, 1776.

Stewards.

Holland, Edward, May 1, 1776.
Priest, John, (and Clerk,) from Carpenter, October 1, 1776.

Clerk.

Lawson, John, May 1, 1776; ran away July 11, 1776.

Carpenters.

Logan, John, May 1, 1776; discharged June 15, 1776, "uncapable of duty."
Priest, John, from Seaman, July 1, 1776; to Steward, October 1, 1776.
Rawls, Robert, April 23, 1777.

Drummers.

Murray, William, May 1, 1776.
Hodge, William, February 2, 1777.

Fifer.

Warner, Cuff, May 13, 1776.

Seamen.

Connelly, John, (Cook,) March 22, 1777.
Craven, Lawrence, June 5, 1776; drowned November 18, 1776.
Curry, Nicholas, May 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776, on account of lameness.
Duvald, Andrew, October 4, 1775; to Gunner's Mate, October 1, 1776.
Gaffney, Henry, October 9, 1775; died February 25, 1777.
Guilan, Alexander, May 1, 1776.
Harris, Charles, May 1, 1776.
Jackson, Wilson, May 1, 1776.
M'Lean, John, May 1, 1776; to Boatswain, July 16, 1776.
Morgan, John, May 1, 1776.
Ogan, William, May 1, 1776; ran away May 22, 1776.

Priest, John, October 5, 1775; to Carpenter, July 1, 1776.
Ribble, George, October 4, 1775, to Gunner, October 1, 1776.
Scott, Thomas, October 29, 1776.
Stuck, Conrad, (cook,) May 1, 1776.
Vinyard, Charles, February 7, 1776; to Boatswain, October 1, 1776.
Wilson, William, May 1, 1776.
Wright, John, May 1, 1776.

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## MARINES.

Allen, Nathaniel, May 1, 1776.
Baxter, Alexander, May 1, 1776.
Blew, Neal, May 1, 1778.
Boyn, James, April 12, 1777.
Burk, Patrick, November 20, 1776; ran away December, 1776
Carter, John, May 12, 1777.
Carty, John, November 17, 1776; ran away January 24, 1777.
Cherry, William, (a boy,) June 3, 1777.
Condon, Edmund, "turned over from the Experiment," June 21, 1777.
Cramer, John, November 12, 1776; ran away January 24, 1777.
Crowley, James, May 1, 1776.
Cunningham, John, November 10, 1776; ran away December, 1776.
Dailey, Francis, May 1, 1776.
Doyle, Dennis, January 31, 1777.
Drisdle, ———, July 7, 1777.
Driver, Hopkins, November 3, 1776; discharged January 24, 1777—"Uncapable of Duty."
Failing, John, November 29, 1776.
Felin, John, December 28, 1776.
Flick, William, June 27, 1776.
Fox, John, May 1, 1776.
German, James, August 12, 1776.
Gibbons, Jeremy, August, 12, 1776.
Hazlewood, Jacob, November 7, 1776; ran away December, 1776.
Henderson, Alexander, May 1, 1776.
Hetherington, John, November, 10, 1776: ran away November 27, 1776.
Holmes, John, November 6, 1776; ran away December, 1776.
Hutchinson, John, June 1, 1776.

James Israel, November 12, 1776.
Kerling, John, June 27, 1776.
Lisk, Morris, (Maurice,) November 27, 1775; to the Camden, September 22, 1778.
Mahon, (Mahony,) James, July 3, 1777.
Mahon, Lawrence, November 20, 1776.
Marshall, Henry, May 1, 1776; ran away May 22, 1776.
M'Cabe, John, May 1, 1776.
M'Can, John, (Armourer,) November 12, 1776.
M'Cormick, Samuel, Sebtember 3, 1776.
M'Donald, Alexander, May 1, 1776.
M'Elrath, John, May 1, 1776.
M'Gibbon, Neal, May 1, 1778.
M'Kay, (Mackey,) Edward, May 1, 1776.
M'Laughlin, John, May 1, 1776.
M'Michael, Daniel, discharged December 15, 1775.
M'Millin, Patrick, September 1, 1778.
Milligan, Philip, May 1, 1776.
Miller, John, May 3, 1777.
O'Neal, Christopher, October 31, 1776.
Philips, James, May 10, 1776.
Richardson, (Richards,) John, December 3, 1776; ran away December, 1776.
Runey, Owen, April 7, 1777.
Shillingbur, Peter, October 21, 1776.
Singleton, William, "turned over from the Brimstone," June 6, 1777.
Smith, Robert, May 1, 1776.
Stewart, John, May 4, 1776.
Trainer, James, May 1, 1776.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT BURKE.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Blair, James, September 19, 1775.
Hardie, Robert, from the Terror, August 8, 1777.

### First Lieutenants.

Chatham, John, September 20, 1775.
Rogg, Thomas, July 17, 1777.

Boyd, Adam, from Second Lieutenant, October 4, 1776; discharged July 16, 1777, by order of the Hon'ble Navy Board.
Fell, Thomas, from the Arnold, September 1, 1778.

Second Lieutenants.

Boyd, Adam, January 23, 1776; to First Lieutenant, October 4, 1776.
Barry, Theodorus, October 4, 1776; to First Lieutenant of the Camden, November 9, 1776.
Rodgers, John, December 22, 1776; discharged January 25, 1777, "for misbehaviour."
Burridge, Robert, January 25, 1777; dismissed ye 9th Inst., (June, 1777,) by ye Navy Board's request.
Leppard, Thomas, from Gunner on board the Camden, July 9, 1777.

Gunners.

McCoy, James, October 1, 1775; Second Lieutenant of the Experiment, October 9, 1776.
Patterson, Nicholas, from Boatswain, October 9, 1776.

Boatswains.

Patterson, Nicholas, April 6, 1776; to Gunner, October 9, 1776.
Steel, William, April 14, 1777; to Gunner on the Porcupine, April 1, 1778.

Steward.

Mara, Thomas, (Clerk,) November 13, 1775.

Carpenters.

Carr, William, May 1, 1776; absent without leave, September 24, 1776.
M'Connell, Patrick, April 14, 1777; to Gunner on the Salamander, April 1, 1778.

Seamen.

Buchanan, George, January 22, 1776.
Buttertoy, John, to the Porcupine, April 1, 1778.
Chatham, William, (a boy,) May 1, 1776.
Crazey, John, (a boy,) June 26, 1777; ran away July 19, 1777.
Dougherty, James, May 1, 1776.
Frost, James, May 1, 1776.
Gibbons, Edward, September 1, 1778; October 1, 1778, "thigh broke and lost his toes—unfit for service."

Jones, Daniel, October 21, 1776; pressed on board the Randolph, November, 1776.
Lowe, Levi, November 9, 1776.
M'Carter, William, May 1, 1776.
M'Donough, John, May 1, 1776.
M'Fetrage, Thomas, October 21, 1776.
M'Fatridge, Archibald, from the Terror, August 18, 1777.
M'Kimm, Thomas, May 1, 1776.
M'Manimy, Daniel, from the Terror, August 18, 1777.
Primrose, William, from the Montgomery, November 26, 1776.
Pompey, John, (negro,) August 20, 1776.
Ranahan, Daniel, September 20, 1776; ran away November 27, 1776.
Shannon, Thomas, December 22, 1775.
Warren, Thomas, from the Terror, August 18, 1777.
Welsh, James, from the Montgomery, November 28, 1776.
Williams, John, September 1, 1778.

## MARINES.

Cosgrove, William, October 5, 1775.
Credin, John, (Armourer,) May 1, 1776.
Duffy, John, September 10, 1776; shipped on board the Montgomery, November 1, 1776.
Farr, Michael, April 10, 1777.
Fitzpatrick, John, from the Vesuvious, July 14, 1777.
Gallanaugh, Edmund, September 11, 1776; ran away April 1, 1777.
Grouss, (Groce,) Adam, April 11, 1777.
Harman, Samuel, April 5, 1777; shipped on board the Congress, July 23, 1777.
Henderson, William, July 25, 1776; ran away November 14, 1776.
Jackson, John, April 10, 1777.
Johnson, John, November 24, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777, "for being unfitt for duty."
Lally, John, July 24, 1777.
Marshall, Robert, May 13, 1777.
M'Closkey, Patrick, February 27, 1776.
M'Connell, John, June 24, 1776; absent without leave, December 1, 1776.
M'Casson, Patrick, November 25, 1776; ran away January, 1777.

O'Bryan, Timothy, October 5, 1775.
Quigley, James, September 11, 1776.
Ryan, Patrick, January 27, 1777.
Scott, Alexander, October 16, 1775.
Sharp, William, April 25, 1777.
Skinner, Edmund, (Edward,) February ?, 1776.
Smith, Jonathan, November 9, 1776; ran away January 2, 1777.
Stevens, George, April 10, 1777.
Wheaton, Thomas, October 5, 1775; died April 29, 1777.
White, Robert, (Armourer,) July 8, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT CAMDEN.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Eyre, Richard, September 20, 1775; to the Delaware, October 1, 1776.
Yorke, Edward, from First Lieutenant of the Montgomery, October 1, 1776.

### First Lieutenants.

Garland, George, September 21, 1775; promoted to Captain of the Chatham, September 26, 1776.
Barry, Theodorus, from Second Lieutenant, of the Burke, November 9, 1776; to the Bull Dog, September 1, 1778.

### Second Lieutenants.

Brown, James, March 6, 1776; to First Lieutenant on the Bull Dog, May 7, 1776.
Lorson, Lawrence, from Gunner, September 26, 1776; to the Delaware, October 1, 1776.
Williams, Joshua, from Gunner, October 1, 1776.

### Gunners.

Lorson, Lawrence, May 1, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, September 26, 1776.

Williams, Joshua, from Boatswain, August 1, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, October 1, 1776.
Leppard, Thomas, October 16, 1776; to Second Lieutenant on the Burke, July 9, 1777.

Boatswains.

Williams, Joshua, February 1, 1776; to Gunner, August 1, 1776.
Carter, Edward, from Seaman, August 1, 1776.
Ramshaw, Benjamin, Sen., from Seaman, June 10, 1776.
Baymore, John, September 1, 1778.

Stewards.

Mason, John, May 1, 1776.
Tull, Levin, August 8, 1776; to Steward on the Delaware, November 17, 1776.
Cannon, John, (and Clerk.)

Clerk.

Cannon, John, March 9, 1776.

Carpenters.

Pearson, Thomas, March 8, 1776; to the Delaware, October 23, 1776.
Cloud, John, October 28, 1776; ran away May, 1777.
Warner, William, from Marine, June 1, 1777.

Drummers.

Berryman, Duncan, May 1, 1776.
Ramshaw, Benjamin, Jr., March 1, 1777.

Fifer.

Ramshaw, Benjamin, Jr., May 6, 1776.

Seamen.

Armor, Philip, September 1, 1778.
Brice, John, from the Convention, May 1, 1777.
Carter, Edward, May 1, 1776; to Boatswain.
Carter, Joseph, February 23, 1776; discharged September 1, 1778, "broken thigh."
Carter, William, May 1, 1776.
Cherry, William, September 10, 1778.
Dawson, John, October 9, 1775.
Faulkner, James, May 1, 1776; ran away May 30, 1776.
Lisk, Morris, from the Bull Dog, September 24, 1778.

Logan, William, October 3, 1775; to Gunner of Convention, March 12, 1777.
Graham, James, September 10, 1778.
M'Donald, Donald, Sen., October 6, 1775.
M'Donald, Donald, Jr., February 27, 1776; ran away February 24, 1777.
M'Donald, James, September 1, 1778.
McDowell, Alexander, from the Viper, April 1, 1778.
M'Foil, Dennis, from the Viper, April 1, 1778.
Murphy, Cornelius, October 4, 1775; to the Delaware, November 6, 1776.
Nostrum, John, March 2, 1776; to the Delaware, November 17, 1776.
Ramshaw, Benjamin, Sen., September 28, 1775; to boatswain, June 1, 1776.
Wade, Daniel, September 1, 1778.
Wright, John, October 7, 1775.

## MARINES.

Beaton, John, November 4, 1775; "Gone with Captain Eyres, November 10," 1776.
Conlen, Henry, November 16, 1775.
Connor, Thomas, March 15, 1777; ran away March 17, 1777.
Conser, George, October 2, 1775; gone to bake for the fleet, November 5; 1776.
Cunningham, John, October 2, 1775; to the Delaware, November 5, 1776.
Eunix, John, February 9, 1776.
Forder, William, May 5, 1777.
Haley, Thomas, from the Vesuvius, September 1, 1777.
Hood, Hugh, October 6, 1775.
Johnson, John, February 10, 1776.
Kaine, James, June 25, 1777.
Kaine, Michael, (Armourer,) November 7, 1776.
Kease, James, October 3, 1775; to the Delaware, November 16, 1776.
Kelly, Jacob, May 1, 1776; discharged August 16, 1776; by Council of Safety.
Kirk, Edward, October 12, 1775.
Lane, Charles, October 3, 1775.
Lane, Lawrence, January 25, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777, "sickly and unfit for duty."
M'Carthy, Daniel, February 14, 1776.

M'Mahon, Kean, February 11, 1776; drowned May 10, 1777.
Miles, Ambrose, August 1, 1777.
Miller, Andrew, January 1, 1777.
Mitchell, Thomas, July 24, 1776; ran away October 18, 1776.
Murray, Patrick, May 1, 1776; discharged June 1, 1776.
Nichols, William, May 1, 1776; ran away July 17, 1776.
Patterson, William, September 1, 1778.
Price, John, May 7, 1777.
Rafferty, John, October 9, 1775; to Midshipman on the Delaware November 17, 1776.
Roney, Owen, September 1, 1778.
Scott, Thomas, September 1, 17778.
Shriner, Frederick, October 10, 1775; to the Delaware, November 10, 1776.
Stafford, Thomas, May 1, 1776; died August 14, 1776.
Sullivan, James, December 1, 1776.
Thrall, Edward, September 1, 1778.
Warner, William, November 5, 1776; to Carpenter, June 1, 1777.
Williams, Robert, June 25, 1776.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT CHATHAM.

[The Muster Rolls commence Jnne 1, 1776, and end August 1, 1777; and again May 1, 1778, ending December 10, 1779.]

(From June 1, 1776, to August 1, 1777.)

### Captains.

Alexander, Charles, from the Bull Dog, October 2, 1775; resigned April 12, 1776, to enter the Continental service.
Montgomery, James, from the Ranger, May 29, 1776; resigned August 1, 1776, to enter the Continental service.
Garland, George, from First Lieutenant of the Camden, September 26, 1776; to the Hancock, September 21, 1778.

### First Lieutenants.

James, Josiah, November 16, 1775; resigned December 11, 1775, to enter the Continental service.
Christie, John, from Second Lieutenant of Dickinson, February 16, 1776; to Captain of Vesuvius, October 4, 1776.

Johnston, James, September 30, 1776; died February 17, 1777.
Barton, William, February 21, 1777; resigned July 12, 1777.
Wallace, Nathaniel, from Second Lieutenant, July 25, 1777.

Second Lieutenants.

Mitchell, John, November 16, 1775; to First Lieutenant of the Ranger, February 16, 1776.
Carson, James, March 6, 1776.
Cawston, Samuel, May 1, 1776; discharged August 17, 1776.
Hardy, William, October 4, 1776; "preferred on board the Fire Brig," February 1, 1777.
Wallace, Nathaniel, February 21, 1777; to First Lieutenant, July 25, 1777.
Gill, Philip, from Boatswain, July 25, 1777.

Gunners.

Britten, Joseph, May 1, 1776.
Morris, Evan, from private, July 25, 1777.

Boatswains.

Brown, Joseph, May 7, 1776.
Gill, Philip, from Seaman, October 1, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, July 25, 1777.

Steward and Clerk.

Cullen, Jeremiah, May 1, 1776.

Carpenters.

Mealy, Joseph, May 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776—reenlisted April 1, 1777.
Stewart, Daniel, October 1, 1776; discharged March 1, 1777.

Drummers.

Kane, Patrick, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.
Battis, John, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.

Armourers.

Haye, John, January 26, 1777; ran away March 12, 1777.
Richards, Joseph, March 12, 1777.

Seamen.

Alexander, Alexander, May 1, 1776.
Arnott, James, May 1776; died February 5, 1777.
Brayfield, John, May 1, 1776; discharged October 11, 1776.
Brown, Joseph, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.
Bryan, William, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.
Campbell, Barney, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.
Conner, Edward, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.
Cummings, Alexander, April 3, 1777.
Dominicus, John, May 1, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.
Evans, Jeremiah, May 1, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.
Ewing, William, August 1, 1776.
Fleming, Michael, May 1, 1776.
Gill, Philip, May 1, 1776; to Boatswain, October 1, 1776.
Gordon, John, December 15, 1776.
Hemenger, John, September 20, 1775.
London, Walter, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.
Lovell, Thomas, August 1, 1776; discharged to Fire Brig, October 17, 1776.
M'Bride, Charles, September 29, 1775.
M'Lean, Archibald, May 1, 1776; discharged to Fire Brig, October 17, 1776.
Martin, Henry, August 1, 1776; ran away February 27, 1777.
Pike, Richard, May 1, 1776; to Gunner on the Bull Dog, December 4, 1776.
Sanderson, Jacob, May 1, 1776; discharged to Fire Brig, October 17, 1776.
Stewart, Daniel, August 27, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.
Wood, James, June 1, 1776.

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MARINES.

Ballentine, Thomas, September 23, 1777.
Barry, Michael, March 3, 1777; discharged March 10, 1777—belongs to Captain Bayard.
Berry, George, May 1, 1776; ran away June 27, 1776.
Bradley, John, March 4, 1777.
Broadway, Daniel, January 7, 1776.
Bayard, Daniel, April 9, 1777.
Conley, James, March 4, 1777; ran away March 26, 1777.
Cooke, Thomas, March 22, 1777.
Cook, William, May 28, 1777.
Cunningham, William, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776; ran away February 28, 1777.

Dougherty, Michael, October 26, 1776; ran away February 2, 1777.
Fife, William, November 5, 1776.
Fletcher, Nathaniel, April 12, 1777.
Heaney, James, from the Dickinson, June 22, 1776.
Hederton, John, from the Dickinson, June 22, 1776.
Johnston, James, February 14, 1776.
Johnston, John, May 1, 1776; discharged to the Vesuvius, October 17, 1776.
Kelly, Edward, May 22, 1777.
Larkin, Paul, March 15, 1777.
Leonard, Patrick, May 1, 1776.
M'Cullough, Arthur, August 2, 1776; ran away February 27, 1777.
M'Gill, Peter, March 6, 1777.
M'Lain, William, August 1, 1776.
M'Laughlin, Thomas, April 12, 1777.
Monks, John, November 2, 1776.
Moore, Richard, May 7, 1777; discharged July 7, 1777.
Morris, Evan, April 16, 1777; to Gunner, July 25, 1777.
Murray, Andrew, from the Ranger, May 7, 1776.
Oakley, Thomas, January 22, 1777.
Ogelby, George, March 14, 1777.
Smith, George, March 3, 1777.
Stawlcob, Henry, February 12, 1776.
Stewart, John, May 1, 1776; ran away February 25, 1777.
Wainwright, John, January 1, 1777; ran away January 4, 1777.

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(From May 1, 1778, to December 10, 1779.)

Captain.

Roach, Isaac, from the Delaware, May 1, 1778.

First Lieutenants.

Myers, George, from the Putnam, September 12, 1778, to the Hancock, September 21, 1778.
Fitzsimmons, Nicholas, from the Hancock, November 1, 1778.

Second Lieutenants.

M'Lane, John, September 12, 1778.
Quality, Joseph, from the Hancock, November 1, 1778.

Gunner.

Donnel, George, May 1, 1778.

Boatswain.

Thomas, Thomas, May 1, 1778.

Steward and Clerk.

Kirbey, Timothy, May 1, 1778.

Carpenters.

Mely, Joseph, May 1, 1778.
Wild, John, from the Viper, September 1, 1778, to the Effingham, October 1, 1778.

Privates.

Battis, John, May 1, 1778.
Bell, John, May 1, 1778.
Brannon, John, December 1, 1779.
Cochran, Edmund, May 1, 1778.
Cross, Daniel, May 1, 1778.
Crow, William, May 1, 1778; ran away July, 1779.
Curtis, William, May 1, 1778.
Daniel, John, May 1, 1778.
Darraugh, John, May 1, 1778.
Dorus, Patrick, May 1, 1778.
Eagleson, Samuel, from the Congress, May 1, 1778.
Flanegan, Stephen, May 1, 1778.
Fitzsimmons, John, (a boy,) May 1, 1778.
Gardiner, Thomas, May 1, 1778.
Gibbons, Edmund, June 7, 1779.
Gibbons, Richard, May 1, 1778.
Grow, Adam, May 1, 1778.
Heyser, Thomas, April 19, 1779; ran away November 12, 1779.
Higgins, Arthur, May 1, 1778.
Inkester, Thomas, (Armourer,) May 1, 1778.
Kirkpatrick, Archibald, May 1, 1778.
Lownes, Charles, April 19, 1779; ran away July, 1779.
M'Cully, Robert, May 1, 1778.
M'Fatrich, Archibald, May 1, 1778.
Morrison, Murdock, May 1, 1778.
Murphy, John, May 1, 1778.
Randles, James, May 1, 1778.
Reamel, Matthew, April 7, 1779; ran away, July, 1779.
Scott, Alexander, May 1, 1778; ran away April, 1779.
Seward, Elnathan, May 1, 1778.
Sweney, Patrick, April 1, 1779; ran away May, 1779.
Torney, Darby, from the Effingham, May 1, 1778.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE BRIG COMET.

[There is but one Muster Roll, August, 1777.]

### Captain.

Pomeroy, Robert, July 31, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE COMMODORE'S BARGE.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1777, and end February 1, 1778.]

### Cockswain.

Middleton, John, from the Viper, May 21, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

### Privates.

Amydone, John, June 16, 1777.
Barton, Andrew, June 12, 1777; ran away December, 1777.
Bowden, Thomas, August 11, 1777.
Garrick, Thomas, August 1, 1777; ran away December, 1777.
Hall, Richard, May 28, 1777; ran away October, 1777.
Johnson, Joshua, June 16, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Pinyard, Matthias, May 28, 1777; to the Sally, August, 1777.
Rowan, James, May 28, 1777.
Shute, Michael, November 1, 1777; ran away December, 1777.
Smith, Michael, May 28, 1777; ran away December, 1777.
Walker, William, November 1, 1777.
Ware, James, November 1, 1777.
Watt, Barney, May 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT CONGRESS.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Hamilton, John, August 2, 1775; resigned August 1, 1776; to enter Continental service.

Roach, Isaac, (November 1, 1775,) from First Lieutenant of the Franklin, September 28, 1776; to Command of Delaware, April 16, 1777.

### First Lieutenants.

Montgomery, Hugh, September 1, 1775; to Captain of the Effingham, February 16, 1776.

Willson, Joseph, May 1, 1776; resigned, October 4, 1776.

Buck, Philip, (September 5, 1775,) from Second Lieutenant, November 1, 1776

### Second Lieutenants.

Buck, Philip, March 6, 1776; to First Lieutenant, November 1, 1776.

Gardner, Alexander, November 13, 1776.

### Gunners.

Budden, John Nicholas, August 22, 1776; ran away September 2, 1776.

Van Reed, Cornelius, from Seaman, September 5, 1776; to Seaman, January 1, 1777.

Alcorn, James, from Seaman, January 1, 1777.

Saunders, William, from the Washington, March 18, 1777.

### Boatswains.

Steel, William, May 1, 1776; "broke, January 12, (1777) for misbehaving."

Mitchell, Thomas, from the Washington, March 18, 1777; to Gunner on the Delaware, April 16, 1777.

Murphy, John, from Seaman, April 16, 1777; September 1, 1778, "at Hospital wounded, unfit for ye service."

### Stewards.

Drummond, Thomas, October 20, 1775.

Crabb, John, from private on the Terror, September 12, 1777.

Kirbey, Timothy ,September 1, 1778.

Clerk.

Glissan, Edward, January 27, 1776.

Carpenter.

Gilmore, John, October 24, 1775.

Armourer.

Sansfield, John, October 25, 1775.
Smith, William, October 27, 1776.

Drummers.

Lewis, William, May 1, 1776.
Eagleson, Samuel, from Private, May 1, 1778; to the Chatham, December 1, 1778.

Fifer.

Flanigan, Stephen, September 15, 1776.

Seamen.

Alcorn, James, May 1, 1776; to Gunner, January 1, 1777.
Alcorn, Robert, May 1, 1776.
Auton, Abram, May 1, 1776.
Bristow, Joseph, October 20, 1775
Clark, Robert, May 1, 1776.
Cypher, Conrad, (a boy,) May 1, 1778.
Davison, James, May 1, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.
Dawson, George, October 22, 1775.
Eagleson, Samuel, (a boy,) April 1, 1777; to Drummer, May 1, 1778.
Flanigan, Stephen, September 1, 1778.
Gray, Joseph, June 1, 1776.
Green, William, September, 1775; discharged to enter Continental service December 19, 1775. (Vide Col. Rec., Vol. X. p. 405.)
Hall, Thomas, October 18, 1775.
Hunter, Thomas, October 22, 1775.
Kerr, Adam, from the Aetna, October, 1777; to the Fame, December 1, 1777.
Kinkead, Joseph, May 10, 1776.
Love, Michael, from the Eagle, October 23, 1777.
Murphy, John, November 30, 1775; to Boatswain, April 16, 1777.
O'Bryan, Edward, June 1, 1776.
O'Dermott, Dennis, to the Aetna, June 1, 1776.
Saunders, Thomas, May 1, 1776; ran away December 22, 1776.

Steel, William, from Boatswain, January 12, 1777; "exchanged for another," April 12, 1777.
Stockham, Charles, May 1, 1776; died April 26, 1777.
Stoutly, John, June 1, 1776; ran away June 9, 1776.
Thompson, Andrew, May 1, 1776.
Van Reed, Cornelius, October 22, 1775; to Gunner, September 5, 1776.
White, Charles, February 6, 1776; returned to Seaman, January 1, 1777.

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MARINES.

Baker, Roland, May 1, 1778.
Bell, John, October 20, 1775.
Black, Oxford, June 1, 1776; died June 22, 1776.
Boyden, Lemy, May 1, 1776.
Brown, Robert, November 1, 1776.
Bruice, Alexander, March 28, 1777.
Bryan, Edward, October 20, 1775.
Butler, Andrew, May 1, 1776; to the Washington, March 18, 1777.
Caldwell, John, May 1, 1776; discharged October 5, 1776; "got a man in his place."
Connor, George, November 1, 1776.
Denton, David, March 1, 1776.
Gardner, John, April 14, 1777.
Gradewall, James, from the Delaware, April 15, 1777.
Hall, John, June 14, 1776.
Hamilton, John, December 9, 1776.
Harman, Samuel, from the Burke, July 23, 1777; September 1, 1778, on duty at Trenton.
Hartley, William, June 11, 1777.
Haywood, William, February 3, 1777.
Hilton, Simon, February 16, 1776; died July 11, 1777.
Hutchison, John, May 5, 1776; discharged, taken by his Captain, May 27, 1776.
Landricken, Patrick, October 22, 1775.
Leacy, Daniel, June 10, 1777; ran away June, 1777.
Legrant, John, December 26, 1776.
Maryfield, Jeremiah, June 11, 1777.
M'Clure, Christopher, October 22, 1775.
M'Ilvaine, William, March 1, 1777; to the Washington, March 18, 1777.

M'Mullen, Hugh, June 10, 1777.
Morrison, Murdock, November 2, 1775.
Murray, Thomas, February 16, 1776.
Onchaters, Gabriel, May 19, 1776.
Pomenay, Francis, May 19, 1776; discharged, taken by his Master, May 22, 1776.
Ponsely, Ferdinand, May 5, 1776; discharged, taken by his Master, May 22, 1776.
Ryan, James, February 2, 1776; exchanged for Daniel Leacy, 10th inst. (June 1, 1777.)
Shearer, John, May 1, 1776; died July 6, 1776.
Smith, William, October 27, 1776; ran away June 28, 1777.
Stuart, Joshua, December 6, 1776.
Taaff, Christopher, May 1, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777, "by M. M., for sore leg."
Toole, James, October 20, 1775.
Welsh, James, April 14, 1777; "exchanged for Samuel Harman, 23d inst." (July, 1777.)

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE BRIG CONVENTION.

[The Muster Rolls commence September 1, 1776, and end August 1, 1777.]

### Captains.

Rice, John, from the Dickinson, October 1, 1776.
Eyre, Richard, July 31, 1778; declined appointment, August, 1778.
Houston, Thomas, August 17, 1778.

### First Lieutenants.

Harrison, John, October 1, 1776; to Captain of the Experiment, April 7, 1777.
Spence, Douglas, April 9, 1777.
Phillips, Thomas, August 19, 1778.

### Second Lieutenants.

Wilkinson, William, October 1, 1776.
Simpson, James, from Master of the Lydia, February 2, 1777; to Master, April 20, 1777; from Master, August 19, 1778.

Master.

Simpson, James, from Second Lieutenant, April 20, 1777.

Midshipmen.

Bankston, Benjamin, April 16, 1777.
Lollard, Samuel, May 23, 1777; ran away June 6, 1777.

Gunners.

Broughton, James, October 1, 1776; to Boatswain, March 14, 1777.
Logan, William, from private of the Camden, March 12, 1777; to the Putnam Battery, April 16, 1777.
White, Valentine, April 20, 1777.

Gunner's Mates.

Todd, Thomas, October 1, 1776.
O'Flaherty, John, from seaman, April 20, 1777.

Pilot.

Holden, Jerry, July 1, 1777.

Boatswain.

Broughton, James, from Gunner, March 14, 1777.

Boatswain's Mates.

Westwood, Andrew, September 1, 1776.
Haws, Joseph, from Seaman, April 3, 1777.

Stewards.

Stapleton, Thomas (Clerk,) August 26, 1776; ran away March 12, 1777.
Doyle, John, March 27, 1777.

Carpenters.

Egan, John, from marine, April 16, 1777.
Hanigan, Thomas, (John,) April 15, 1777; discharged May 28, 1777.
Vanice, Ranier, May 27, 1777.

Carpenter's Mate.

Richardson, John, from marine, June 1, 1777.

Armourer.

Barclay, Peter, April 3, 1777.

Drummer.

Nicholson, Peter, October 1, 1776.

Seamen.

Barber, John, to the Terror, April 1, 1778.
Birmingham, John (cook,) October 1, 1776.
Brice, John, October 1, 1776; to the Camden, May 1, 1777.
Edwards, John, September 1, 1776; taken by his master, October 2, 1776.
Gainer, William, October 1, 1776.
Haws, Joseph, from the Warren, April 1, 1777.
Hiney, Stephen, September 1, 1776; taken by his master, October 2, 1776.
Hinton, John, October 1, 1776; discharged January 7, 1777—"not fit for duty."
Jones, Daniel, October 1, 1776; discharged October 21, 1776—"per order of Council of Safety."
Lamar, Mac, to the Viper, April 1, 1778.
Love, John, October 1, 1776.
M'Fathrie, Thomas, October 1, 1776; discharged October 19, 1777—"per order of Council of Safety," on board the Dickinson.
Merium, Robert (a boy,) April 4, 1777.
Mullen, Robert, to the Terror, April 1, 1778.
Nicholson, Peter, October 1, 1776; discharged May 1, 1777.
O'Flatherty, John, October 1, 1776; to Gunner's Mate, April 20, 1777.
Peck, Samuel, October 1, 1776; ran away January 9, 1777.
Scantling, Daniel, from the Ranger, November 1, 1776.
Thomas, Griffith, (a boy,) April 11, 1777.
Threasy, William, April 11, 1777.
Toyce, Andrew, October 1, 1776.
Wood, Benjamin, October 1, 1776; discharged October 15, 1776—"per order of Council of Safety," on board the Dickinson.

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MARINES.

Brady, Joseph, April 1, 1777; ran away April, 1777.
Cooper, John, April 8, 1777.
Cottinger, John, April 29, 1777; discharged July 24, 1777.
Cummings, Robert, June 1, 1777; "discharged as unfit for duty."

Dice, Andrew, April 1, 1777.
Dickson, William, April 11, 1777.
Dulman, Matthias, September 1, 1776.
Eddy, John, June 28, 1777.
Edwards, Charles, January 8, 1777.
Egan, John, October 1, 1776; to Carpenter, April 16, 1777.
Fox, William, June 1, 1777; "discharged by order of the Board."
Garland, John, April 29, 1777.
Gill, James, November 2, 1776; discharged November 8, 1776—"subject to fits."
Hanagh, John, April 9, 1777.
Hand, Absolem, June 1, 1777; discharged by order of the Board.
Haney, Stephen, July 24, 1777.
Hanigan, John, April 12, 1777; discharged May 5, 1777.
Hatton, John, April 7, 1777; ran away April, 1777.
Jaylar, Joseph, October 1, 1776.
Kain, (Kane,) James, May 1, 1777; to the Terror, April 1, 1778.
Knipper, Lawrence, November 5, 1776; ran away January 9, 1777.
Lewis, James, May 27, 1777.
Lewis, John, July 7, 1777.
M'Lean, (M'Clean,) John, April 12, 1777.
M'Calla, Henry, from the Terror, August 1, 1778.
M'Clure, James, April 11, 1777.
M'Cormick, James, March, 1777; ran away May 5, 1777.
M'Cutchem, John, April 12, 1777.
M'Dermott, Edward, September 1, 1776; ran away January 13, 1777.
M'Foil, Dennis, to the Terror, April, April 1, 1778.
Miller, Christopher, October 1, 1776.
Pike, William, April 9, 1777.
Reigley, John, March 29, 1777; ran away April 17, 1777.
Richardson, John, April 9, 1777.
Rively, Nicholas, October 1, 1776.
Shaffer, Jacob, October 1, 1776; ran away April 17, 1777.
Steelman, James, April 8, 1777.
Stearman, John, April 7, 1777; to the Warren, May 6, 1777.
Stephenson, William, April 14, 1777.
Suberville, Coddeth, July 7, 1777.
Todd, Thomas, October 1, 1776.
Tracy, William, April 9, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ACCOMMODATION SLOOP DEFIANCE.

[The Muster Rolls commence July 1, 1776, and end April 1, 1778.]

### Masters.

Gardner, Alexander, June 28, 1776; to Second Lieutenant of the Congress, November 13, 1776.

Roden, William, "shipped in the place of Christopher Graff, by Commodore Hazlewood," December 2, 1776.

Graff, Christopher, from the ————, November 21, 1776, "not allow'd to be Master by the Muster Master," December 1, 1776; "shipped in the place of William Roden, and appointed by Commodore Seymour," June 2, 1777.

Bird, Frederick, February, 17, 1777; "appointed Pilot on board the Fire Brig Vulcano, May 17, (1777,) by Commodore H."

Bird, Jacob, from private, May 17, 1777; ran away November 1, 1777.

Hoover, Henry, from private, November 1, 1777; discharged January 1, 1778.

### Steward.

Williams, Henry, July 10, 1776; discharged January 1, 1778.

### Clerk.

Thornton, John, July 10, 1776; to the Hetty, August 1, 1776.

### Privates.

Atkins, Henry, March 3, 1777.

Bird, Jacob, April 1, 1777; to Master, May 17, 1777.

Butts, John, March 3, 1777; to the Salamander, April 1, 1777.

Colley, James, September 7, 1777; ran away February 21, 1778.

Craig, James, December 1, 1776; discharged February 1, 1777, "not willing to stay."

Hart, John, Sen., from Sloop Hetty, April 1, 1778; discharged at Trenton.

Hoover, Henry, June 1, 1777; to Master, November 1, 1777.

Roden, William, from Master, December 1, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777, "not willing to stay."

William, January, September 16, 1777; ran away October. 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED SCHOONER DELAWARE.

[The Muster Rolls commence October 1, 1776, and end August 8, 1777.]

### Captains.

Eyre, Richard, (September 20, 1775;) from the Camden, October 1, 1776.

Roach, Isaac, from the Congress, April 16, 1777; to the Delaware, May 1, 1778.

### First Lieutenant.

Philips, Thomas, December 12, 1776.

### Second Lieutenant.

Lawson, (Lorson,) Lawrence, (October 4, 1775;) from the Camden, October 1, 1776.

### Midshipmen.

Eyres, Christopher, November 6, 1776.

Rafferty, John, (October 9, 1775;) from private on the Camden, November 17, 1776.

### Gunners.

Carter, Edward, October 4, 1775; ran away April 14, 1777.

Mitchell, Thomas, from the Congress, April 16, 1777.

### Gunner's Mate.

Nostrum, John, from private, April 1, 1777.

### Pilot.

Higgins, Andrew, May 18, 1777.

### Boatswains.

Carter, William, October 7, 1775; ran away April 14, 1777.

M'Causland, James, from private, April 14, 1777.

### Boatswain's Mate.

Gall, Bartholomew, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777.

### Stewards.

Tull, Levin, (August 8, 1776;) from the Camden, November 17, 1776; discharged April 1, 1777—"unfit for duty."

Holland, Edward, April 6, 1777.

Clerk.

Hattrey, Thomas, April 4, 1777.

Carpenters.

Pearson, Thomas, from the Camden, October 23, 1776; died November 15, 1776.
Sline, Robert, November 30, 1776.

Carpenter's Mate.

M'Duell, Alexander, December 24, 1776.

Drummer.

Perryman, Duncan, October 9, 1775.

Armourer.

Knowles, Charles, March 10, 1775.

Privates.

Backstow, Hendr., ran away May 1, 1777.
Bean, William, April 16, 1777; ran away August, 1777.
Beaton, John, November 4, 1775.
Beard, John, March 9, 1777; ran away March 11, 1777.
Brooks, Francis, from the Montgomery, April 11, 1777; to the Viper, December 1, 1777.
Campbell, Daniel, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777; died April 26, 1777.
Carmick, Joseph, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777.
Conser, George, (cook,) October 2, 1775.
Coytt, John, April 2, 1777.
Craig, Dennis, April 5, 1777; "discharg'd by Order of Mr. Hancock," May 1, 1777.
Cunningham, John, (October 2, 1775;) from the Delaware, November 5, 1776.
Decroy, John, May 15, 1777; discharged August 1, 1777—"unfit for duty."
Ford, Mathew, April 4, 1777; "discharged by Order ye Navy Board," May 1, 1777.
Gall, Patrick, April 14, 1777.
Gibbons, Richard, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777.
Gradewell, James, April 2, 1777; to the Congress, April 15, 1777.
Johnston, Edward, March 9, 1777.
Johnston, Robert, May 23, 1777.
Kees, (Kease,) James, (October 3, 1775,) from the Camden, November 10, 1776.

Knowles, Charles, March 18, 1777.
Kelley, John, March 20, 1777.
Kent, Samuel, March 20, 1777.
Kite, James, to the Viper, December 1, 1777.
Layel, James, July 28, 1777.
Madjar, (Major,) John, March 10, 1777.
Martan, William, March 20, 1777; to the Montgomery, June 18, 1777.
M'Causland, James, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777—to Boatswain.
M'Donald, John, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777.
M'Dowell, Alexander, to the Viper, December 1, 1777.
M'Kinney, Richard, April 16, 1777.
M'Mullen, John, March 20, 1777; ran away June 22, 1777.
M'Neal, Thomas, January 19, 1777.
Murphy, Cornelius, (October 4, 1775;) from the Camden, November 6, 1776.
Murphy, John, February 4, 1777; to the Viper, December 1, 1777.
Murray, James, April 10, 1777; ran away August, 1777.
Nostrum, John, (March 2, 1776;) from the Camden, November 17, 1776; to Gunner's Mate, April 1, 1777.
Rawlings, Thomas, (Sergeant,) March 26, 1777; ran away May 1, 1777.
Schriner, Frederick, (October 12, 1775;) from the Camden, November 10, 1776; to the Montgomery, June 5, 1777.
Shay, John, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777.
Smith, John, April 11, 1777; ran away June 23, 1777.
Tingle, William, (a boy,) June 15, 1777.
Urquehart, John, October 22, 1776.
Whitehead, John, from the Montgomery, April 14, 1777.
Woodford, George, March 28, 1777; ran away April 11, 1777.
Williams, Barnet, March 10, 1777; ran away March 11, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT DICKINSON.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Rice, John, September 14, 1775; to the Convention, October 1, 1776.

Henderson, Alexander, from the Bull Dog, October 1, 1776; resigned April 1, 1777.

M'Lean, Lachlen, from First Lieutenant of the Warren, May 5, 1777.

Harrison, John, from the Experiment, December 31, 1777.

### First Lieutenants.

Allen, James, September 18, 1775; to October 1, 1776.

Lyell, William from Second Lieutenant of the Bull Dog, October 1, 1776; to Captain of the Resolution, April 7, 1777.

Lyon, Samuel, July 1, 1777; (executed for desertion, September, 1778).

### Second Lieutenant.

Christie, John, November 7, 1775; to First Lieutenant of the Chatham, February 16, 1776.

Martin, Henry, March 6, 1776; to First Lieutenant of the Washington, October 1, 1776.

Lyon, Samuel, (January 2, 1776,) October 1, 1776; to First Lieutenant, April 1, 1777.

M'Lean, John, from Gunner, April 1, 1777.

### Gunners.

Wilkinson, William, May 1, 1776.

M'Lean, John, (October 5, 1775,) October 1, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, April 1, 1777.

Findley, William, March 22, 1777.

### Gunner's Mates.

Todd, Thomas, May 1, 1776.

Wilson, William, (January 5, 1776,) October 1, 1776.

### Boatswains.

Boughton, James, May 1, 1776.

Gullan, Alexander, (October 12, 1775,) October 1, 1776.

Boatswain's Mates.

Hackett, John, discharged February 3, 1776.
Bowley, Richard, May 1, 1776.
Harris, Charles, (April 18, 1776,) October 1, 1776; died January 25, 1777.

Steward and Clerk.

Savage, Gerald, May 1, 1776.
Dawson, James, October 1, 1776; discharged February 10, 1777.
Birmingham, James, March 1, 1777.

Armourer.

Ford, Matthew, July 2, 1777.

Drummer.

Nicholson, Peter, March 1, 1776.

Fifers.

Cuff, Warner, March 19, 1776.
Edwards, John, May 1, 1776.

Carpenters.

Egan, John, from Marine, July 1, 1776.
Fowler, James, October 19, 1776; died April 13, 1777.
Hulet, Robert, July 20, 1777.

Seamen.

Creavan, Lawrence, June 5, 1776; died November 10, 1776.
Gaynor, William, May 1, 1776.
Hinton, John, May 1, 1776.
Jackson, Wilson, February 26, 1776; ran away January 22, 1777.
Morgan, John, February 19, 1776.
Peck, Samuel, May 1, 1776.
Story, John, October 15, 1776.
Stuck, Conrad, (cook,) March 22, 1776.
Westwood, Andrew, May 1, 1776.
Wright, John, January 19, 1776.

## MARINES.

Allen, Nathaniel, February 9, 1776; to the Salamander, April 1, 1778.
Alston, (Alster,) Joseph, November 22, 1776.
Archdecon, Morris, July 24, 1777.
Baxter, Alexander, October 9, 1775.
Birmingham, John (cook,) May 1, 1776.
Berryman, Charles, May 1, 1776.
Bottom, George, September 1, 1778.
Butler, Thomas, May 1, 1776.
Cannon, John, May 1, 1778.
Carey, John, to the Salamander, April 1, 1778.
Collins, John, January 22, 1777.
Connor, Charles, May 1, 1778.
Crawley, James, October 6, 1775.
Crawley, Joseph, December 7, 1776.
Dealey, Francis, October 11, 1775.
Dean, James, May 1, 1778.
Dix, Isaac, (a boy,) April 10, 1777; drowned July 13, 1777.
Dullman, Matthew, May 1, 1776.
Egan, John, May 1, 1776; to the Carpenter, July 1, 1776.
Flick, William, June 27, 1776.
Fox, John, October 5, 1775.
Geary, John, January 12, 1777.
Gefritz, John, March 13, 1777.
German, James, July 30, 1776.
Gibbons, Jeremiah, August 1, 1776.
Goether, Samuel, September 1, 1776; discharged September 22, 1776.
Grimmer, Thomas, March 11, 1777.
Hall, Thomas, March 11, 1777.
Heaney, James, June 14, 1776; to the Chatham, June 22, 1776.
Hederington, John, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, June 22, 1776.
Heney, Stephen, May 1, 1777.
Henderson, Alexander, (a boy, son of the Captain,) October 1, 1776; discharged March 1, 1777.
Hutchinson, John, February 28, 1776.
Jefferies, John, March 13, 1777.
Jones, Charles, (a boy,) April 9, 1777.
Jones, Daniel, May 1, 1776.
Joyce, Andrew, May 1, 1776.
Keeling, John, June 2, 1776.

Keith, William, June 22, 1777; discharged June 29, 1777.
Kelly, William, May 1, 1776.
Knowles, Thomas, December 1, 1776.
Lamb, John, April, 1777.
Leech, Andrew, January 3, 1777.
Love, John, May 1, 1776.
M'Cabe, John, October 9, 1775.
McCormick, Samuel, February 16, 1776.
M'Dermott, Edward, May 1, 1776.
M'Donald, Alexander, October 12, 1775.
M'Elrath, John, November 8, 1775.
M'Fatridge, Thomas, May 1, 1776.
M'Kee, Edward, October 9, 1775; died October 20, 1776.
M'Laughlin, John, January 7, 1776.
Marshall, Edward, November 22, 1776.
Miller, Christopher, May 1, 1776.
Milligan, Philip, April 1, 1776.
Murphy, Michael, May 1, 1776; ran away May 23, 1776.
Murray, William, (Drummer,) October 2, 1775; discharged April, 1777—going with the Captain.
O'Flaherty, John, May 1, 1776.
O'Neil, John, March 6, 1777.
Pendergast, Patrick, March 1, 1777.
Philips, James, May 10, 1776.
Price, John, May 1, 1776.
Rively, Nicholas, July 4, 1776.
Robinson, John, May 1, 1776; ran away May 14, 1776.
Robinson, John, (a boy,) April, 1777.
Ryan, John, May 1, 1776.
Shaffer, Jacob, May 1, 1776.
Smyth, Robert, February 21, 1776.
Still, John, April 12, 1777.
Taylor, Joseph, May 1, 1776.
Traynor, James, February 19, 1776.
Walsh, James, January 11, 1777; ran away January 17, 1777.
Welsh, Thomas, March 24, 1777.
Wood, Benjamin, May 1, 1776.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT DRAGON.

[The Muster Rolls commence April 7, 1777, and end April 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Thompson, Benjamin, April 7, 1777; died September 7, 1777.
Ross, William, September 14, 1777.

### Gunners.

Horne, William, April 17, 1777; "promoted to Lieutenant on board the Effingham Galley," October, 1777.
Hayman, Samuel, from private, October 1, 1777; to guard boat Lion, April 1, 1778.

### Privates.

Bigwood, James, April 24, 1777; discharged October 1, 1777, "having fits."
Caskaden, John, September 1, 1777; ran away September 1, 1777.
Chattan, John, April 17, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Fisher, Thomas, April 17, 1777; to guard boat Lion, April, 1778.
Hayman, Samuel, April 17, 1777; to Gunner, October, 1777.
M'Ally, (M'Calla,) Henry, April 25, 1777; to the Terror, April, 1778.
M'Kinzey, Duncan, April 25, 1777; ran away November, 1777.
Ogley, John, April 17, 1777; discharged July 7, 1777, "sickly, unfit for the service."
Reazen, James, April 23, 1777; to the Lion, April 1, 1778.
Stevens, Robert, April 25, 1777; to the Viper, August 15, 1777.
Stevens, Stephen, April 25, 1777; to the Viper, June 1, 1777.
Thompson, Samuel, June 1, 1777; "left sick at Captain Wells's," August 22, 1777.
Towne, Lewis, April 17, 1777; "wounded and gone to Borden Town," October, 1777—"died February 6, (1778,) at Trenton."

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT EAGLE.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1776, and continue until October 1, 1776, when the entire crew are transferred to the Vulture. From February 1, 1777, unti April, 1778, the boat is again in service, and the rolls complete.]

(From June 1, 1776, to October 1, 1776.)

Captain.

Hanse, Jacob, April 16, 1776.

Gunner.

Clark, Peter, June 23, 1776.

Privates.

Baker, Peter, June 21, 1776.
Dawson, James, August 7, 1776.
Day, William, June 24, 1776.
Gibert, Conrad, June 21, 1776.
Hartman, Peter, June 21, 1776.
Kale, George, July 15, 1776.
Leep, (Leafe,) Leonard, June 21, 1776.
Masters, John, June 21, 1776.
Moore, William, August 1, 1776; died September 1, 1776.
Morman, Peter, July 10, 1776.
Negley, William, June 21, 1776.
Saunders, Peter, June 21, 1776.

(From February 1, 1777, to April 1, 1778.)

Captain.

Murphy, Daniel, March 1, 1777.

Gunners.

Jones, Matthew, March 15, 1777; "excellent cannon founder, discharged April 1, to be employed in that way."
Pankett, (Pankake,) Lewis, April 1, 1777; to private, June 10, 1777.
Love, Michael, from private, June 10, 1777; to the Congress, October 23, 1777, "for mutiny."
Robinson, William, from private, November 1, 1777; to the Terror, April 1, 1778.

Privates.

Connor, Jacob, February 1, 1777; went with Captain Collins, January 13, 1778.

Davis, James, January 24, 1777; discharged July 3, 1777—not fit for the service.

Dodd, Samuel, February 2, 1777; ran away April 1, 1777.

Dougherty, John, March 1, 1777; ran away August 29, 1777.

Gray, Samuel, January 28, 1777; died at Trenton, February 7, 1778.

King, Samuel, March 7, 1777; ran away March 9, 1777.

Liney, Adam, March 9, 1777; to the Terror, April, 1778.

Love, Michael, April 4, 1777; to Gunner, June 10, 1777.

Mullen, Patrick, March 1, 1777.

Pankett, (Pankake,) Lewis, from Gunner, June 10, 1777; ran away November, 1777.

Robinson, William, March 1, 1777; to Gunner, November 1, 1777.

Thompson, Samuel, February 3, 1777; went with Captain Collins, January 13, 1778.

Thornton, Robert, December, 1777; to the Porcupine, April 1, 1778.

Twiner, Thomas, March 7, 1777; went with Captain Collins, January 13, 1778.

Walters, Cornelius, March 5, 1777; died at Trenton, January 5, 1778.

Whitfield, Thomas, January 24, 1777; went with Captain Collins, January 13, 1778.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT EFFINGHAM.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

Captains.

Moore, Allen, from the Experiment, August 30, 1775; resigned January 1, 1776. (Vide Col. Rec., Vol. X, p. 442.)

Montgomery, Hugh, (February 16, 1775,) from First Lieutenant of the Congress, February 16, 1776.

First Lieutenants.

Hennessey, John, October 4, 1775; to the Arnold, March 15, 1776.

Snowden, Samuel, May 1, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.

M'Neal, Laughlin, from Second Lieutenant, September 1, 1776; died March 30, 1777.

Kirkpatrick, James, April 2, 1777.

Horne, William, from Gunner of the Dragon, October, 1777.

Fitzsimmons, Nicholas, from Second Lieutenant of the Arnold. May 1, 1778; to the Hancock, September 12, 1778.

Second Lieutenants.

M'Neal, Laughlin, March 6, 1776; to First Lieutenant, September 1, 1776.

Ardel, Philip, October 1, 1776; broke, June 29, 1777.

Ford, Samuel, July 9, 1777; (executed for desertion, September, 1778.)

Quality, Joseph, from Gunner on the Wasp, November 1, 1777; to the Hancock, September 12, 1778.

Gunners.

Farr, John, May 1, 1776; discharged August 19, 1776.

Darragh, John, September 1, 1776.

Donnell, George, September 1, 1778.

Boatswains.

Carnaghan, John, May 1, 1776.

Mothrell, John, August 1, 1776.

M'Fatrick, Thomas, February 1, 1777.

Crolly, David, July 14, 1777.

Clerk.

Sutton, John, May 1, 1776; discharged June 24, 1776.

Stewards.

Leary, Cornelius, May 1, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.

Downing, Patrick, September 1, 1776.

Butler, John, January 1, 1777.

Carpenters.

Gray, David, May 1, 1776.

Wild, John, from the Chatham, October 1, 1778.

Drummers.

Rouse, John, May 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.

Jones, Jesse, (February 19, 1776,) October 1, 1776; discharged August 20, 1778.

Fifers.

Jones, Jasper, (a boy,) May 1, 1776.
Jones, David, April 24, 1777.

Seamen.

Colmar, George, August 22, 1776; ran away January 23, 1777.
Doras, Patrick, January 29, 1777.
Dowling, Thomas, September 1, 1778.
Houston, James, January 29, 1777.
Heyser, Thomas, September 1, 1778.
Johnston, Thomas, September 1, 1776; discharged December 24, 1776.
Johnston, William, May 1, 1776.
M'Clain, John, January 25, 1777.
M'Cloud, John, February 1, 1777.
M'Gavicher, Patrick, May 1, 1776; ran away June 24, 1776.
Mayberry, William, September 9, 1776.
Parker, Reuben, January 25, 1777.
Pendergrass, Patrick, from the Arnold, May 22, 1776.
Reilly, Patrick, February 1, 1777.
Roy, Patrick, January 19, 1777.
Skellen, William, September 1, 1778.
Sullivan, Dennis, August 22, 1776; ran away October 1, 1776.
Sullivan, John, May 1, 1776.
Wilson, John, May 1, 1776; discharged May 2, 1777.

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MARINES.

Anderson, Isaac, July 20, 1777.
Archer, Stephen, November 6, 1776; taken by Captain Mullan, having enlisted before in his company.
Broadstock, William, June 22, 1777.
Butler, Richard, August 17, 1776.
Cain, (Kain,) Patrick, May 1, 1776.
Campbell, Colin, May 8, 1777.
Carr, John, September 3, 1776; discharged December 1, 1776.
Clark, John, April 11, 1777.
Clarke, Thomas, June 13, 1777.
Conrad, Henry, September 1, 1778.
Corkins, Humphrey, May 4, 1776.
Cross, Daniel, September 1, 1778.
Crowe, William, July 9, 1777.
Crowty, David, September 1, 1778.

Curry, James, August 29, 1776; ran away March 30, 1777.
Curtis, William, May 1, 1778.
Darragh, John, Jr., October 11, 1776.
Denham, Thomas, (March 24, 1777,) April 1, 1777; preferred on board the Accommodation, June 17, 1777.
Duggan, William, July 28, 1777.
Gibbons, Richard, September 1, 1778.
Gilmore, John, February 25, 1777.
Gorden, Peter, September 1, 1778.
Farn, Neal, October 26, 1776; taken by Captain Mullan.
Gegan, William, May 1, 1776.
Fitzgerald, John, November 24, 1776.
Fitzgerald, William, May 4, 1777.
Fitzsimmons, John, September 1, 1778.
Hammond, William, May 4, 1776.
Harbeson, George, September 1, 1778.
Haslet, James, May 28, 1776; discharged July 1, 1776.
Higgins, Arthur, September 1, 1778.
Kelly, Patrick, May 23, 1777.
Kilpatrick, Archibald, September 1, 1778.
Kinner, James, December 18, 1776; ran away December, 1776—returned May 2, 1777; ran away May 19, 1777.
Lear, Jesse, May 5, 1777.
Leary, Daniel, June 22, 1777.
Levy, Edward, May 30, 1776; discharged November 1, 1776, at the request of the Council of Saftey.
Lowrey, James, March 24, 1777.
M'Cann, John, August 29, 1776.
M'Culloch, Robert, September 1, 1778.
Martin, Thomas, August 27, 1776; ran away September 16, 1776.
Moles, Oliver, November 24, 1776.
Montgomery, Alexander, October 27, 1776.
Murphy, Henry, April 9, 1777.
O'Donnell, Charles, May 1, 1776; died March 14, 1777.
O'Neal, Charles, August 29, 1776; ran away January 23, 1777.
Parker, Reuben, October 27, 1776; ran away March 30, 1777.
Porter, John, July 24, 1776.
Rainey, Matthew, May 1, 1776.
Ramage, Thomas, June 14, 1776; ran away November 6, 1776.
Reynolds, James, September 1, 1778.
Skinner, James, May 2, 1777.
Smith, John, May 5, 1777.
Stewart, James, May 1, 1778.
Sweeney, Patrick, May 1, 1776.

Toomey, Darby, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, December 1, 1778.

Tierney, Patrick, August 29, 1776; ran away January 16, 1777.

Uncaster, Thomas, September 1, 1778.

Vert, Robert, September 1, 1778.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT EXPERIMENT.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Dougherty, Henry, July 17, 1775; to the Washington, August 1, 1775.

Moore, Allen, from First Lieutenant, August 3, 1775; to the Effingham, August 30, 1775.

Webb, John, from First Lieutenant of the Bull Dog, May 7, 1776; resigned April 7, 1777.

Harrison, John, from Captain on Repulse, April 30, 1777; to the Dickinson, December 31, 1777.

Ross, John, "late Master of Floating Battery," September 1, 1778.

### First Lieutenants.

Moore, Allen, July 17, 1775; to Captain, August 1, 1775.

Thompson, Benjamin, September 23, 1775; promoted April 30, 1777.

Glasgow, James, May 2, 1777.

### Second Lieutenants.

Johnson, James, March 6, 1776.

M'Coy, James, from Gunner on the Burke, October 9, 1776; "broke uncapable of duty," July 28, 1777.

Patterson, John, July 29, 1777.

### Gunner.

Lawrence, John, October 23, 1775.

### Boatswain.

Prowse, William, October 30, 1775.

### Steward.

M'Gonnigal, George, (Clerk,) October 19, 1775.

Carpenters.

Black, William, May 1, 1776.
Carroll, James, October 23, 1775.

Armourer.

Dawson, John, January 1, 1777.

Drummer.

Webb, James, September 27, 1776; discharged March 1, 1777, by Muster Master, "too small."

Fifer.

Lawrence, Joseph, (a boy,) October 27, 1775.

Seamen.

Angal, David, May 1, 1776.
Bowden, Thomas, May 1, 1776.
Bryan, John, August 20, 1776.
Burridge, Robert, January 8, 1777; to the Burke, January 25, 1777.
Clazier, John, May 1, 1776.
Clownish, James, to the Salamander, April 1, 1778.
Corroden, William, May 1, 1776.
Hinds, Thomas, February 15, 1777; ran away February 27, 1777.
Hutchings, John, May 1, 1776.
Isles, William, February 7, 1776.
Littlejohn, George, October 23, 1775.
Luton, Benjamin, August 1, 1776.
M'Graw, James, January 15, 1776.
Miller, Andrew, May 1, 1776.
Powell, Thomas, October 23, 1775.
Stephenson, Robert, May 1, 1776.
Stewart, Thomas, August 22, 1775; ran away December 21, 1776.
William, John, to the Salamander, April 1, 1778.
Williams, William, to the Salamander, April 1, 1778.

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MARINES.

Ash, Edward, May 1, 1776.
Baker, William, June 22, 1777.
Barber, Henry, (a boy,) October 24, 1776; discharged December 21, 1776.
Barber, John, October 24, 1776.

Beats, John, August 12, 1776; ran away April 25, 1777.
Campbell, David, August 12, 1776; to the Camden, November 27, 1776; ran away December 11, 1776; returned April, 1777.
Cane, Morris, May 1, 1776.
Carroll, James, May 1, 1776.
Cavne, Michael, March 3, 1777; ran away April 23, 1777.
Clayton, Edward, November 4, 1776; ran away February 4, 1777.
Condon, Edward, April 14, 1777; to the Bull Dog, June 24, 1777.
Corbett, James, August 20, 1776; ran away from Hospital September 6, 1776.
Connell, Charles, March 27, 1776.
Davice, (Davis,) Robert, September 1, 1776; ran away September 19, 1776.
Dean, William, October 22, 1776 to the Convention, November 17, 1776; returned December 21, 1776; ran away March 31, 1777.
Diggs, William, August 20, 1776; ran away September 6, 1776.
Donnald, Richard, October 24, 1776; to the Hancock, June 24, 1777.
Dougherty, John, January 17, 1777; ran away April, 1777.
Gordon, John, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, December 27, 1776.
Hagar, Jacob, September 24, 1776; discharged October 9, 1776.
Hait, Amos, November 22, 1776; ran away December 26, 1776.
Hall, James, April 4, 1777.
Heller, James, April 20, 1777.
Jones, Henry, (a boy,) June 4, 1777.
Kelley, James, March 9, 1777.
Lewis, John, August 5, 1776.
M'Clure, Hugh, November 18, 1776.
M'Creagh, James, October 7, 1775; to the Convention, November 17, 1776.
M'Donald, John, January 22, 1776.
M'Guire, Matthew, October 5, 1776; ran away July 23, 1777.
M'Kinley, John, October 7, 1776.
M'Monigal, William, March 9, 1777.
M'Namara, George, September 1, 1776; sent to Colonel Bull, November, 1776; ran away January 3, 1777.
Moncks, John, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, November 2, 1776; returned December 21, 1776; ran away February 24, 1777.
Mullen, Barnard, January 22, 1776.
Nolan, Miles, March 10, 1777.
Piper, Andrew, December 1, 1776; ran away December 21, 1776.
Richards, Nathaniel, August 12, 1776; died June 23, 1777.
Ross, David, (a boy,) September 1, 1778.

Sayers (Sawyers,) Hugh, February 24, 1776; ran away April 27, 1777.

Shean, Patrick, March 10, 1777.

Stevenson, Joseph, May 1, 1776.

Strimple, John, May 1, 1776.

Thompson, James, October 23, 1776.

Thompson, Samuel, (a boy,) March 11, 1777; "went with his father, Captain Thompson," April 30, 1777.

Thompson, William, May 1, 1776.

Vaughan, James, August 20, 1776; ran away September 6, 1776.

Walburn, Major, September 25, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776 —"incapable of duty."

Walker, Samuel, October 22, 1776; discharged by Muster Master, March 1, 1777.

Wardon, William, June 21, 1776; ran away May 17, 1777.

Warrington, Jacob, April 4, 1777; ran away April 29, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT FAME.

[The Muster Rolls commence October 1, 1776, and end May 1, 1779.]

"N. B. The people that were on the former Muster Roll of the Armed Boat Vulture, now belong to the Armed Boat Fame."—MSS. mem.

### Captains.

Greenway, William, (March 28, 1776,) October 1, 1776 discharged October 17, 1776.

Cowpland, Jonathan, October 17, 1776; to the Basilisk, February 1, 1777.

### Gunners.

Hinsliff, John, October 1, 1776; went with Captain Greenway, October 7, 1776.

Rudolph, Joseph, from private, November 1, 1776; discharged February 1, 1777.

### Privates.

Errickson, Charles, December 23, 1776.

Gaskill, Thomas, October 1, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.

Gibson, Andrew, September 25, 1776.

Raworth, John, October 1, 1776; discharged January 13, 1777.
Riley, Edward, October 1, 1776; discharged January 17, 1777.
Rudolph, Joseph, September 25, 1776; to Gunner, November 1, 1776.
Scott, John, October 1, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Sowder, John, October 1, 1776.
Screech, Joseph, October 1, 1776; ran away January 25, 1777.
Snowden, Joseph, January 23, 1777.

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(February 1, 1777, the officers and crew were transferred to the Basilisk.)

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Captain.

Hazlewood, Thomas, February 1, 1777; "gone to sea," September, 1778.

Gunners.

Swan, James, February 8, 1777; returned to brig Vesuvius as a private; March 17, 1777.
Rudolph, Joseph, April 1, 1777; discharged July 1, 1777.
Parker, John, July 14, 1777; discharged July 25, 1777—"not knowing his duty."
Vanse, Andrew, from private, August 1, 1777; "went down the river with Captain Wade, on a cruize," January, 1778.
Evans, Joseph, from private, October 1, 1778.

Privates.

Allen, George, September 1, 1778; discharged February 1, 1779.
Allen, James, July 9, 1777; drowned December 13, 1777.
Brannan, John, from the Washington, August 1, 1778.
Carlton, Richard, September 1, 1777; ran away November, 1777.
Clymer, Henry, February 28, 1777; ran away January, 1778.
Colley, James, April 26, 1777; exchanged for Richard Carlton, September 1, 1777.
Derrick, John, April 26, 1777.
Doe, (Dow,) James, from the Resolution, November 1, 1777; discharged September 21, 1778.
Duncan, William, August 4, 1777; ran away October 18, 1877.
Evans, Joseph, April 22, 1777; to Gunner, October 1, 1778.
Gallagher, Francis, January 31, 1777; ran away February 10, 1777.

Gibson, Andrew, from the Hawk, April 21, 1777; ran away July, 1777.

Hill, William, April 1, 1777; claimed by Captain Barry, April 24, 1777.

Kerr, (Carr,) Adam, from the Aetna, December 1, 1777; to the Franklin, April 1, 1779.

Marshall, Joseph, January 31, 1777; ran away December 13, 1777.

Marshall, William, March 4, 1777; to Gunner, December, 1777.

M'Kenzy, Duncan, July 1, 1778; to the Lion, February 1, 1779.

Mullen, Robert, from the Terror, August 1, 1778; to the Lion, May 1, 1779.

Murphy, Daniel, from the Washington, August 1, 1778; to the Hancock, November, 1778.

Murphy, Martin, August 1, 1777; "belongs to the Armed Boat Brimstone—at work for the Naval Board;" returned September, 1777.

O'Dormott, Dennis, from the Aetna, December 1, 1777.

Parsons, Cornelius, September 10, 1777; went with Captain Hazelwood, September 1, 1778.

Quality, James, March 4, 1777; to Gunner of the Viper, December 1, 1777.

Ray, George, March 21, 1777; discharged July 1, 1777.

Robinson, John, January 31, 1777; to the Franklin, May 11, 1779.

Rogers, Francis, August 4, 1777.

Sharpe, Samuel, "did not enter."

Stewart, Francis, July 9, 1777; ran away July, 1777.

Vance, Andrew, March 4, 1777; to Gunner, August 1, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT FIRE BRAND.

[The Muster Rolls commence March 1, 1777, and end February 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Rue, Benjamin, February 8, 1777; resigned February 1, 1778.

### Gunners.

Ramsey, Giles, March 1, 1777; discharged May 15, 1777.

Rue, Joshua, from private May 15, 1777; to private, September 1, 1777.

Lee, Robert, from private, September 1,1777; to the Viper, April 1, 1778.

Towne, Matthew, from private, November 1, 1777; discharged March 22, 1778.

Privates.

Bardea, George, March 1, 1777; to the Viper, April 1, 1778.

Bardea, Michael, (a boy,) March 1, 1777; "did not pass muster."

Barnett, Ely, May 15, 1777; ran away September 14, 1777.

Baylitz, Henry, March 1, 1777; to the Viper, October, 1777.

Brown, Peter, March 1, 1777; discharged May 1, 1777.

Bruton, Joseph, March 1, 1777; to the Viper, April 1, 1778.

Fritz, Peter, May 1, 1777; ran away August 5, 1777, at Lewistown.

Goslin, Peter, March 1, 1777; ran away October, 1777.

Lee, Robert, April 2, 1777; to Gunner, September 1, 1777.

M'Neal, James, March 1, 1777; "put on board the Delaware Frigate, for abusing his Captain," June, 1777.

Parker, William, March 1, 1777; to the Viper, October, 1777.

Rue, Joshua, March 1, 1777; to Gunner, May 15, 1777; to private, September 1, 1777; ran away November, 1777.

Shippen, William, July 26, 1777; ran away January, 1778.

Towne, Matthew, March 1, 1777; to Gunner, November 1, 1777.

Wright, Charles, March 1, 1777; to the Viper, April 1, 1778.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT FRANKLIN.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end August 1, 1777; then again, November 1, 1778, and end December 1, 1779, with an almost new crew.]

(From May 1, 1776, to August 1, 1777.)

Captains.

Biddle, Nicholas, August 1, 1775; resigned December 9, 1775, to enter the Continental service.

Boys, Nathan, from Lieutenant of the Washington, December 6, 1775.

First Lieutenants.

Houston, Thomas, September 2, 1775; to Captain of the Warren, March 11, 1776.

Roach, Isaac, from Second Lieutenant of the Hancock, February 16, 1776; to Captain of the Congress, September 28, 1776.

Irwin, James, from Second Lieutenant, October 3, 1776; to Captain of the Terror, August 8, 1777.

Second Lieutenants.

Snowden, Samuel, March 6, 1776.

Irwin, James, June 13, 1776; to First Lieutenant, October 3, 1776.

Reynolds, John, October 7, 1776; to First Lieutenant, April 15, 1779.

Gunner.

Martin, John, October 6, 1775

Gunner's Mate.

Wilson, James, from Seaman, November 1, 1776.

Boatswains.

Edwards, William, September 10, 1775; to Putnam Battery, October 8, 1776.

Clear, Thomas, from Seaman, November 1, 1776 to Seaman, December 29, 1776.

Maddox, Thomas, from Seaman, March 13, 1777.

Boatswain's Mate.

Adams, Samuel, from Seaman, November 1, 1776.

Steward.

Malone, William, December 14, 1775.

Steward's Mate.

Jones, Lambert, from Marine, November 1, 1776.

Clerks.

Bailie, Henry, May 25, 1776; discharged July 10, 1776.

Heron, John, June 6, 1777; ran away July 1, 1777.

Carpenter.

Logan, John, February 27, 1776.

Carpenter's Mate.

Carothers, John, from Seaman, November 1, 1776; ran away January 21, 1777.

Drummers.

Irwin, James, July 9, 1776; died August 13, 1776.
Wilkins, Joseph, September 25, 1776; discharged May 1, 1777, "by order of the Board."
Springer, Abraham, July 17, 1777.

Fifer.

Mincer, Mark, (a boy,) July 14, 1776.

Seamen.

Adams, Samuel, June 13, 1776; to Boatswain's Mate, November 1, 1776.
Butler, Nicholas, October 28, 1776; died January 23, 1777.
Carothers, John, June 27, 1776; to Carpenter's Mate, November 1, 1776.
Clear, Thomas, September 21, 1775; to Boatswain, November 1, 1776; from Boatswain, December 29, 1776.
Crawford, Robert, January 19, 1777.
Dearmer, (Dearmoth,) Daniel, September 9, 1775; ran away April 10, 1777.
Driscoll, John, July 26, 1776; ran away September 19, 1776.
Greib, Adam, October 4, 1775.
Hudson, Abraham, May 1, 1776; ran away June 27, 1776.
Kennedy, Arthur, from Marine, August 1, 1776.
Mackey, John, October 10, 1776; ran away November 20, 1776.
Maddox, Thomas, September 22, 1775; to Boatswain, March 13, 1777.
Maines, William, February 14, 1776.
M'Calin, Roger, May 1, 1776; ran away September 19, 1776.
Needom, Thomas, May 1, 1776; ran away June 27, 1776.
Perrine, Michael, from Marine, August 1, 1776.
Pyfer, John, January 20, 1775.
Sullivan, Florence, from Marine, August 1, 1776.
Thomas, John, July 11, 1776 ran away July 12, 1776.
Thomlin, Isaac, from Marine, August 1, 1776.
Thompson, Lawrence, June 1, 1776; ran away June 18, 1776.
Williams, Joseph, September 20, 1775; with Captain Gilbert, June 1, 1776.
Wilson, James, September 25, 1775; to Gunner's Mate, November 1, 1776.

MARINES.

Baker, Randell, February 1, 1776.
Bristol, John, (negro,) December 3, 1776.
Brown, William, March 4, 1776.
Buck, Joseph, February 14, 1776.
Burges, Daniel, May 29, 1777.
Burkett, William, March 12, 1777; ran away July, 1777.
Caple, William, February 14, 1776; ran away December 31, 1776.
Cassell, Andrew, April 1, 1777.
Clark, James, May 1, 1776; discharged June 21, 1776.
Crawford, Robert, June 13, 1776; ran away December 24, 1776.
Denton, William, November 8, 1776; ran away July, 1777.
Edmond, Henry, May 1, 1776; discharged May 31, 1776.
Fielding, Edward, May 1, 1776; discharged May 30, 1776.
Fink, Milkiah, May 29, 1777; discharged July 25, 1777.
Fisher, William, September 27, 1775.
Forrest, Enoch, July 13, 1776; ran away April 10, 1777.
Force, Joseph, June 2, 1776; ran away July 18, 1776.
Gallacher, George, September 21, 1775.
Gardiner, John, June 2, 1776; discharged January 31, 1777.
Hazel, George, November 8, 1776.
Ingram, George, February 14, 1776; discharged March 11, 1777.
Jones, Lambert, September 30, 1775; to Steward's Mate, November 1, 1776.
Kennedy, Arthur, April 24, 1776; to Seaman, August 1, 1776.
Keys, Lawrence, March 1, 1776; ran away December 22, 1776.
Knowles, Richard, January 14, 1777.
Koshler, Frederick, July 27, 1777.
Lann, John, July 24, 1776; ran away December 22, 1776; returned May 17, 1777; ran away July, 1777.
Lavalin, Thomas, July 10, 1776.
Livingston, James, January 22, 1777.
Long, John, July 11, 1776; discharged July 14, 1776, "being a soldier."
M'Connell, John, June 4, 1776; ran away December 24, 1776.
M'Dermott, Matthew, August 14, 1776; discharged January 31, 1777.
M'Dowell, (Madole,) Hugh, April 24, 1776.
M'Fatridge, John, March 11, 1777.
Miller, George, June 11, 1776.
Montgomery, John, February 4, 1777; ran away July 1, 1777.
Negley, (Nagle,) Arthur, June 10, 1776; died January 26, 1777.
Negley, (Nagle,) James, June 13, 1776; ran away July, 1777.

Perrine, Michael, September 30, 1775; to Seaman, August 1, 1776.
Pruden, Thomas, October 27, 1775; discharged December 15, 1776, to act as Surgeon's Mate at Trenton.
Reynolds, Elihu, December 14, 1775.
Ridgeway, Edward, January 17, 1777; ran away July, 1777.
Robinson, James, from the Vulcano, September 1, 1777.
Savage, James, from the Vulcano, September 1, 1777.
Shultz, Henry, May 1, 1776; ran away May 11, 1776.
Sinclair, John, (cook,) October 28, 1776.
Sullivan, Florence, October 3, 1775; to Seaman, August 1, 1776.
Thomas, John, July 11, 1776; ran away July 12, 1776.
Thomas, Michael, June 2, 1776; ran away June 4, 1776.
Thomlin, Isaac, July 16, 1776; to Seaman, August 1, 1776.
Walton, Abraham, May 1, 1776; ran away May 16, 1776.
Watson, William, November 9, 1776.
White, Charles, September 22, 1775.
White, John, (a boy,) August 17, 1776.
Wilkins, Joseph, September 25, 1776; discharged April 10, 1777; re-enlisted May 23, 1777.
Woods, John, June 6, 1776; discharged December 15, 1776.

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(From September 1, 1778, to December 1, 1779.)

Captain.

Boys, Nathan, December 6, 1775; discharged December 20, 1780.

First Lieutenants.

Cassan, Samuel, November 1, 1778; to the General Green, April 15, 1779.
Reynolds, John, from Second Lieutenant, February 1, 1779; died August 15, 1779.
Ely, Isaac, from Second Lieutenant, September 1, 1779; resigned September 26, 1780.

Second Lieutenants.

Reynolds, John, to First Lieutenant, February 1, 1779.
Ely, Isaac, to First Lieutenant, September 1, 1779.
Speese, Henry, September 1, 1779.

Gunners.

Wright, John, November 1, 1778.
Work, Robert, from private, April 1, 1779.
Wilson, James, September 1, 1778.

Boatswains.

Bardmore, John, November 1, 1778.
Frail, Edward, from private, April 1, 1779.

Stewards.

Quality, James, September 1, 1778.
Patterson, William, from private, April, 1779.

Clerk.

Thornton, John, November 1, 1778.

Carpenter.

Harbeson, George, November 1, 1778.

Musicians.

Cretsch, Wenkel, May 1, 1779.
Forage, Stephen, May 1, 1779.
Miller, John George, May 1, 1779; discharged November 1, 1779.
Ombach, John George, May 1, 1779.
Schultz, Nicholas, May 1, 1779.
Weaver, George, May 1, 1779.
Wyneland, John, November 1, 1779.

Privates.

Armor, Philip, November 1, 1778.
Baker, Randle, October 1, 1778, in hospital; "panns of his knees broke, unfit for the service."
Bryan, William, November 1, 1778.
Buck, Joseph, September 1, 1778.
Carter, John, November 1, 1778.
Cassell, Andrew, September 1, 1778.
Catlin, James, (Armourer,) November 1, 1778.
Cherry, William, November 1, 1778.
Clear, (Clare,) Thomas, (October 1, 1778; "his toes froze off.")
Clymer, Henry, September 1, 1779.
Connelly, Charles, November 1, 1778.
Conser, George, November 1, 1778.
Dean, James, November 1, 1778.
Ely, Joseph, (a boy,) July 1, 1779.
Eunix, John, November 1, 1778.
Fisher, William, September 1, 1778.
Fox, John, November 1, 1778.
Frail, Edward, November 1, 1778; to Boatswain, April 1, 1779.
Gordon, Peter, November 1, 1778.

Greib, (Grubb,) Adam, (September 1, 1778; "sick with dropsy—unfit for ye service.")
Harden, Thomas, April 1, 1779.
Hart, John, June 1, 1779.
Hooten, John, November 1, 1778.
Houston, John, (a boy,) November 1, 1778.
Hudson, Abraham, September 1, 1778; died June 15, 1779.
Keelon, John, November 1, 1778.
Kerr, (Carr,) Adam, from the Fame, April 1, 1779.
Lane, Charles, May 15, 1779.
Mahon, James, November 1, 1778.
M'Donnell, Daniel, November 1, 1778.
M'Donnell, James, (a boy,) November 1, 1778.
M'Lamoyle, John, September 1, 1778.
Montgomery, John, September 1, 1778.
Munro, John, September 1, 1778.
Patterson, William, November 1, 1778; to Steward, April 1, 1779.
Pyfer, Henry, September 1, 1778.
Pyfer, John, September 1, 1778.
Reynolds, Elihu, September 1, 1778.
Reynolds, Nathan, (a boy,) May 1, 1779.
Richards, John, November 1, 1778.
Riddle, George, April 1, 1779; "belongs to the Lion."
Robinson, John, from the Fame, May 11, 1779.
Roney, Owen, November 1, 1778; ran away April, 1779.
Ryan, Patrick, November 1, 1778.
Ryan, William, September 1, 1778; discharged January 1, 1779—"subject to fits."
Scott, Thomas, November 1, 1778.
Shane, Patrick, November 1, 1778; ran away April, 1779.
Welsh, James, November 1, 1778.
White, Charles, September 1, 1778.
White, John, September 1, 1778.
Work, Robert, November 1, 1778; to Gunner, April 1, 1779.
Wrenshaw, Benjamin, July 1, 1779.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE SHIP GENERAL GREEN.

[There is only one Muster Roll of this ship for the three months, ending September 1. 1779. The vessel and the marines were under separate comman is.]

### Officers and Crew of the Ship.

#### Captain.

Montgomery, James, March 30, 1779.

#### First Lieutenant.

Cassan, Samuel, from the Franklin, April 15, 1779.

#### Second Lieutenant.

Dehart, Jacob, April 15, 1779.

#### Surgeon.

Todd, Andrew, May 1, 1779.

#### Midshipmen.

Read, John, May 25, 1779.
Wessell, John, May 25, 1779.
Taylor, Matthew, May 25, 1779.
Kemper, John, May 25, 1779.
Barber, William, May 25, 1779; died June 29, 1779.
Rogers, John.

#### Master.

Hollingshead, Samuel, May 25, 1779.

#### Master's Mates.

Dean, John, May 25, 1779; ran away August 19, 1779.
Bruce, John, May 25, 1779.
Kuttle, Charles.

#### Gunners.

Thompson, James, May 25, 1779.
Wezills, John.

#### Gunner's Mate.

Snowden, Thomas.

#### Pilots.

Adams, John, died July 12, 1779.
Higgins, Price.

Boatswain.

Maxwell, William, May 25, 1779.

Boatswain's Mates.

Ramsey, John, May 25, 1779.
Davidson, Alexander.

Steward.

Triplott, (Tripsall,) Daniel, May 25, 1779.

Steward's Mate.

Ward, James, May 25, 1779.

Carpenter.

Goodley, George.

Cooper.

Robeson, James.

Coxswain of Barge.

Bryan, William.

Quartermasters.

Harvey, Alexander, May 25, 1779.
Shaw, Thomas, May 25, 1779.
Hatfield, William, May 25, 1779.
Hays, John, May 25, 1779.

Masters-at-Arms.

Denny, William.

Armourer.

Keys, John.

Cook.

Campbell, Joseph.

Seamen.

Anderson, David, ran away August 19, 1779.
Badham, Edward, ran away July 20, 1779.
Baynard, Nicholas.
Bennett, James.
Berry, James.
Boyd, Edward, ran away July 5, 1779.
Brown, John, ran away July 12, 1779.

Burden, James, ran away June 10, 1779.
Coholand, John.
Couta, Emil.
Dempsey, Lawrence.
Dougherty, Thomas, ran away August 22, 1779.
Duff, Daniel.
Duff, Richard.
Earl, William.
Easling, Frederick, ran away August 22, 1779.
Flenard, John.
Flory, Francis, ran away June 18, 1779.
Ford, John.
Ford, Thomas.
Frazer, William.
Fry, Henry.
Ganseon, Isaac, died August 6, 1779.
Green, Andrew, died August 16, 1779.
Hamilton, Nathaniel, ran away June 13, 1779.
Haney, Thomas.
Hardlovrick, Angel.
Hart, Anthony.
House, Milford, ran away June 13, 1779.
Hurst, John.
Jego, Francis.
Johnston, Samuel.
Long, James.
Love, Joseph.
Maxwell, Samuel, ran away July 21, 1779.
M'Calley, William.
M'Donaugh, Peter.
M'Flaggin, Fergus, ran away June 11, 1779.
M'Glochlin, James.
Moore, John.
Murphy, Edward.
Muphy, John.
Nelson, Peter.
Purfit, John.
Ramsey, John, ran away June 12, 1779.
Reynolds, James, ran away July 16, 1777.
Richards, James.
Rigging, Charles.
Sloane, Thomas.
Smith, Daniel.
Smith, Hugh.

Smith, John, ran away August 22, 1777.
Smith, Thomas.
Southam, Edward.
Stephens, Joseph, ran away July 21, 1779.
Taylor, Matthias.
Thomas, Uriah.
Thompson, Henry.
Vandeput, Jacob, ran away July 19, 1779.
Waggenet, Christian, died August 16, 1779.
Well, James.
Wilfong, David.
Willis, Peter.
Wilson, William.
Wright, John, ran away July 6, 1779.
Wright, Thomas, ran away August 24, 1779.

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## MARINES.

### Officers and Privates.

#### Captain.

Caldwell, Robert, April 12, 1779.

#### Lieutenants.

Hambright, John, Jr., April 12, 1779.
Mackey, James.

#### Sergeants.

Moss, William.
Adams, Chester.
Adams, Daniel.

#### Corporals.

Dougherty, Anthony.
Jutar, Frederick.

#### Drummer.

Haney, Charles.

#### Fifer.

Lefever, Lewis.

Privates.

Bancroft, Thomas.
Butler, John.
Cline, Henry, ran away June 14, 1779.
Cline, Matthew.
Connor, James.
Coulter, John.
Crazey, Daniel.
Dorah, Charles, discharged July 13, 1779.
Dougherty, James.
Felton, Thomas.
Hagelgrauss, Frederick.
Harniss, Henry.
Hendrix, John, ran away June 14, 1779.
Hughes, Gidday.
Jenkins, William.
Marhet, Peter.
Mathews, William.
M'Clean, Barnet.
Miller, William.
Myers, Bastian.
Newton, Caleb.
Nevill, Patrick, August 19, 1779.
Piles, Samuel.
Riffert, Joseph.
Somers, George.
Straushower, John.
Sturgis, Stockley.
Sweeny, Timothy.
Townsend, Amos.
Walters, William.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT HANCOCK.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1. 1776, and end August 1, 1777, and again May 1 1778, ending December 1, 1779.]

(From May 1, 1776, to August 1, 1777.)

Captains.

Moulder, John, September 22, 1775; resigned October 10, 1775.
Moore, Thomas, October 16, 1775.

First Lieutenants.

Ford, David, September 25, 1775; discharged September 14, 1776, at his own request.

Perkins, Thomas, from Second Lieutenant of the Washington, October 1, 1776; to Captain of the Hecla, April 26, 1777.

Martin, William, May 9, 1777.

Second Lieutenants.

Roach, Isaac, October 27, 1775; to first Lieutenant of the Franklin, February 16, 1776.

Pomeroy, Robert, March 6, 1776; discharged to ——— Frigate, October 1, 1776.

Purdon, Fergus, from Gunner, November 1, 1776.

Brown, Edward Carey, from Gunner, April 1, 1777.

Gunners.

Perkins, Thomas, January 3, 1776; to Second Lieutenant of the Washington, June 20, 1776.

Purdon, Fergus, July 1, 1776; to Gunner, November 1, 1776.

Brown, Edward Carey, January 13, 1777; to Second Lieutenant, April 1, 1777.

Boatswains.

Griffith, William, May 1, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.

Moore, Thomas, July 1, 1776; discharged October, 1776.

M'Kinsey, (M'Kensie,) James, July 15, 1776; ran away December 29, 1776.

Wilson, William, January 1, 1777.

Chapman, Thomas, from Seaman, April 1, 1777.

Boatswain's Mate.

New, Robert, November 29, 1775.

Steward.

Brettell, Richard, from Mariner, May 1, 1776.

Steward's Mate.

Kehoe, James, March 19, 1776.

Clerk.

Hunter, William, March 10, 1776.

Carpenter.

Ryburn, James, July 12, 1776.

Armourer.

Robert, Joseph, November 7, 1776.

Drummers.

Shannon, John, July 23, 1775; to Marine, January 1, 1777.
Feghan, Michael, January 29, 1777.

Fifer.

Armstrong, John, January 29, 1777.

Seamen.

Alexander, Alexander, from the Vesuvius, February 1, 1777.
Bowen, Joseph, May 1, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.
Brettel, Richard, November 4, 1775; to Steward, May 1, 1776.
Broom, James, February 21, 1777.
Blynn, John, January 16, 1776; ran away December 3, 1776.
Campbell, James, January 7, 1777.
Clark, John, April 15, 1777.
Corsay, Joseph, April 25, 1777.
Chapman, Thomas, January 14, 1777; to Boatswain, April 1, 1777.
Donnelly, Charles, (a boy,) March 19, 1776.
Freenig, Thomas, May 30, 1777.
Grigg, Benjamin, October 17, 1776; ran away March, 1777.
Giveance, Thomas, October 22, 1776.
Harwood, Thomas, May 1, 1776; ran away October 8, 1776.
Hart, John, March 4, 1777.
Harris, Francis, June 22, 1776; ran away October 10, 1776.
Harris, Thomas, May 4, 1776.
Low, John, March 5, 1777.
M'Callister, Alexander, January 29, 1777.
M'Claskey, John, May 1, 1776; ran away July 25, 1776.
M'Clelland, John, January 1, 1777; ran away May 2, 1777.
M'Whorter, John, (a boy,) May 1, 1776; ran away September 22, 1776.
Murphy, James, March 2, 1777.
New, Robert, May 1, 1776.
Robinson, Samuel, June 1, 1776; ran away August 18, 1776.
Smith, John, October 17, 1775.
Willey, Thomas, March 24, 1776.

## MARINES.

Alston, Joseph, February 5, 1776; to the Dickinson Galley, discharged December 7, 1776.

Bailey, James, June 16, 1776; ran away August 1, 1776.

Berry, Charles, (Robert,) July 20, 1776; ran away January 29, 1777.

Bettell, (Bitell,) Peter, from the Thunder, June 18, 1777.

Bocok, William, August 14, 1776; ran away April 1, 1777.

Bower, Michael, August 14, 1776; ran away June 20, 1777.

Bowers, John, August 14, 1776.

Boyd, John, May 24, 1776; discharged June 3, 1776, being a servant.

Brothers, William, August 14, 1776.

Brown, Daniel, May 1, 1776; drowned September 20, 1776.

Brown, Henry, March 28, 1776.

Caldwell, Michael, May 1, 1776; ran away June 20, 1777.

Campbell, James, May 1, 1776; died September 21, 1776.

Campbell, James, January 7, 1777.

Carty, Horter, November 21, 1776; discharged November 28, 1776, unfit for duty.

Caspison, John, June 4, 1777.

Christy, Edward, May 1, 1776; ran away September 29, 1776.

Colebrook, Robert, May 1, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.

Cramer, Daniel, May 1, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.

Davis, Abram, October 14, 1775.

Donnell, Richard, June 23, 1777.

Duncan, John, August 1, 1776; died October 6, 1776.

Ewing, Joseph, February 1, 1776; died February 10, 1777.

Fairfield, Richard, May 1, 1776; discharged June 3, 1776, being a servant.

Fitzgerald, Nicholas, October 28, 1775.

Forbush, Daniel, January 28, 1777.

Hakins, John, November 21, 1776; discharged November 28, 1776, unfit for duty.

Heaney, John, November 7, 1776; ran away October, 1777.

Higgins, Thomas, November 6, 1776; ran away January 28, 1777.

Hoey, Peter, April 1, 1776.

Hoffman, George, July 15, 1777; from on board Captain Copland.

Johnston, William, May 1, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.

Karmm, John, March 19, 1776.

Kemp, William, May 1, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.

M'Calla, Daniel, July 13, 1776.
M'Claskey, Thomas, May 1, 1776; discharged July 1, 1776.
Mills, John, March 28, 1776.
Moore, Thomas, May 1, 1776.
Myler, John, July 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.
Myers, Abraham, August 27, 1776; ran away May 1, 1777.
Myers, Lewis, August 27, 1776; ran away May 1, 1777.
Nibble, Henry, July 23, 1776; ran away October 10, 1776.
Peterson, Zachariah, May 1, 1776; discharged June 6, 1776.
Postley, Patrick, May 1, 1776; ran away August 8, 1776.
Reilly, John, May 1, 1776; ran away August 18, 1776.
Rice, Patrick, May 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.
Robinson, Samuel, May 1, 1776.
Shannon, John, from Drummer, January 1, 1777.
Simmons, John, July 15, 1777.
Smith, David, April 10, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Smith, George, May 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776, for deafness received in the service; re-entered service November 7, 1776—discharged November 28, 1776.
Steward, Nathan, January 18, 1776; died January 16, 1777.
Stone, Thomas, June 19, 1777.
Tete, William, May 1, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.
Thompson, John, March 7, 1777.
Vallett, Samuel, March 17, 1777.
Watson, William, April 3, 1776; drowned November 27, 1776.
Weatherby, Daniel, August 1, 1776; ran away October 10, 1776.
Williams, Edward, May 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.
Wilson, Hugh, June 6, 1777.

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(From May 1, 1778, to December 1, 1779.)

Captain.

Garland, George, from the Chatham; resigned April 13, 1780.

First Lieutenants.

Myers, George, from the Hancock, September 21, 1778.
Fitzsimmons, Nicholas, from the Effingham, September 12, 1778; to the Chatham, November 1, 1778.

Second Lieutenants.

Quality, Joseph, from the Effingham, September 12, 1778; to the Chatham, November 1, 1778.
Wilson, John, May 1, 1778.

Gunners.

Talley, Thomas, from the Porcupine, April 1, 1778; discharged April 1, 1779.

Love, Matthew, from private, April 1, 1779; Discharged December 1, 1779.

Boatswains.

Kelly, William, October 1, 1778; to private, January, 1779.

Wickstead, Timothy, from private, January, 1779; discharged December 1, 1779.

Steward.

Daniel, John, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Carpenter.

Oldfield, John, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Armourers.

Roberts, Joseph, May 1, 1778.

Bollard, Daniel, from private, September 21, 1778.

Privates.

Bollard, Daniel, from the Tormentor, April 1, 1778; to Armourer, September 21, 1778.

Bowland, John, May 1, 1778.

Bradley, John, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Brown, James, October 4, 1778.

Cochran, Edward, May 1, 1778.

Cook, Jeremiah, October 9, 1778.

Delansy, Michael, September 3, 1778; discharged November 24, 1778—"too old and unfit for duty."

Fletcher, Nathaniel, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Gardiner, Thomas, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Garvey, Bartholomew, September 28, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Gordon, Jacob, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Grove, Robert, September 1, 1778.

Harris, Thomas, May 1, 1778.

Hoy, Peter, May 1, 1778.
Johnston, James, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Johnson, John, May 31, 1779; discharged June 15, 1779.
Kelly, William, from Gunner, January 17, 1779; discharged December 1, 1779.
Kennon, John, May 1, 1778.
Laird, John, November 23, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Leonard, Patrick, September 21, 1778.
Leonard, William, October 1, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Love, Matthew, September 21, 1778; to Gunner, April 1, 1779.
Lowe, John, September 21, 1778; ran away September 12, 1779.
M'Calla, Daniel, May 4, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
M'Bride, Charles, December, 1778.
M'Clain, William, October 7, 1778; discharged November 24, 1778, "too old and unfit for duty."
M'Coombs, John, September 21, 1778; to Gunner on the Lion, December 6, 1778.
M'Kenzey, Daniel, August 9, 1779; discharged December 1, 1779.
M'Neal, James, September 1, 1778.
Miller, James, May 20, 1779.
Munks, James, September 28, 1778; ran away August 9, 1779.
Murphy, Daniel, from the Fame, November 23, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Myers, Thomas, (a boy,) November 21, 1779.
Neff, Thomas, September 26, 1778; ran away May 27, 1779.
Oakley, Thomas, September 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Patton, John, October 7, 1778.
Petree, William, October 9, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Roe, John, September 1, 1778.
Shay, Patrick, May 1, 1778.
Skilling, William, October 1, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Sloan, Thomas, May 1, 1778.
Stawlcob, John, May 21, 1779; ran away August 9, 1779.
Thomas, George, (a boy,) September 21, 1778.
Thynnum, Thomas, in place of John Johnson, July 26, 1779.
Tulman, Matthias, September 28, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.
Waugh, Patrick, May 27, 1779; discharged December 1, 1779.
Winch, James, September 21, 1778; ran away May 24, 1779.

Wickstead, Timothy, September 28, 1778; to Boatswain, January, 1779.

Williams, John, October 21, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

Williams, William, (a boy,) October 1, 1778; discharged December 1, 1779.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT HAWK.

[The Muster Rolls commence April 1, 1777, when the crew were transferred from the Basilisk, and continue until April 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Cowpland, Jonathan, from the Basilisk, April 1, 1777.

### Gunners.

Willington, John, April 1, 1777; discharged May 2, 1777.

Hoffman, George, May 3, 1777; "refus'd duty June 26, (1777,) to be tried by a Court Martial.

Bolles, James, June 27, 1777; to private, August 19, 1777.

West, Thomas, August 19, 1777 ran away October 14, 1777.

Grimes, Shepard, from private, November 1, 1777; to the Terror, April 1, 1778, "got his discharge at Trenton."

### Privates.

Bennett, James, July 1, 1777; ran away August 18, 1777.

Boles, James, from Gunner, August 19, 1777; to the Montgomery, September 1, 1777.

Bollard, Daniel, April 1, 1777; English deserter, discharged by order Board of War, May 1, 1777.

Cowpland, Caleb, (a boy,) December 1, 1777; "did not pass muster."

Duff, John, April 5, 1777; to the Terror, April 1, 1778.

Errickson, Charles, April 1, 1777; ran away November 25, 1777.

Frazier, John, May 12, 1777; "claim'd by Captain Allen of the Montgomery."

Gibson, Andrew, April 1, 1777; time shipped for expired April 20, 1777, "now with Captain Hazlewood." (The Fame.)

Grimes, Shepard, May 16, 1777; to gunner, November 1, 1777.

Hoskins, George, May 3, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, August 27, 1777.

Johnston, George, from the Lydia, January 4, 1777; to the Terror, January 13, 1778.

Mahar, Dennis, April 5, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, September 13, 1777.

Simmons, John, May 9, 1777; ran away May 12, 1777.

Templin, Isaac, April 8, 1777; to the Lion, April 1, 1777.

Templin, Thomas, April 8, 1777; died at Trenton, January 17, 1778.

Vance, John, April 1, 1777; died at Bristol, December 3, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE SHIP HECLA.

[The Muster Rolls commence April 1, 1777, and end February 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Perkins, Thomas, from First Lieutenant of the Hancock, April 26, 1776.

### Lieutenant.

Stutson, Joshua, April 27, 1777.

### Pilot.

Marshall, John, July 21, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

### Boatswain.

Wilson, John, May 2, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Massey, Robert, from private, October 1, 1777; ran away November, 1777.

### Privates.

Chore, Francis, May 14, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Lestume, Jarvis, May 8, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Malanson, John, May 8, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Massey, Robert, May 7, 1777; to Boatswain, October 1, 1777.

Smith, John, May 12, 1777; ran away May 14, 1777.

Terrot, Paul, May 8, 1777; ran away November, 1777.

Toweshatt, Francis, July 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Treux, John Pierre, July 28, 1777; ran away November, 1777.

Williams, Daniel, May 15, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE BRIG HELL-CAT.

[There is only one Muster Roll, August, 1777.]

### Captain.

French, Robert, July 31, 1777.

### Lieutenant.

Batson, George, July 31, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ACCOMMODATION SLOOP HETTY.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1776, and end April 1, 1778.]

### Masters.

Hoover, Henry, June 11, 1776; discharged March 27, 1777.
Craig, James, March 27, 1777; discharged June 1, 1777.
Hoover, John, from Steward, June 1, 1777.

### Stewards.

Morris, Daniel, June 10, 1776; discharged September 12, 1776.
Hoover, John, September 12, 1776; to Master June 1, 1777.
Denham, Thomas, June 21, 1777; "suppos'd taken Pris'ner at Hollander Creek, 11th October," 1777.

### Clerks.

Reed, Franklin, June 13, 1776; discharged June 30, 1776, for promotion.
Thornton, John, (Clerk to all the Fire Fleet,) from the Defiance, August 1, 1776.

### Privates.

Bird, Jacob, January 2, 1777; discharged January 8, 1777; again mustered March 20, 1777; left March 27, 1777, on change of masters.

Bryan, John, March 8, 1777; discharged April 1, 1777.
Finley, William, April 3, 1777.
Garrick, Francis, March 20, 1777; left March 27, 1777, on change of masters."
Hart, John, Sen., from the Terror, April 1, 1777; to the Defiance, April 1, 1778.
Patterson, John, August 13, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Ryan, John, September 1, 1777.
Rybold, John, June 14, 1777; ran away August, 1777.
Rybold, Philip, June 16, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Stolcup, John, June 1, 1777; ran away July 1, 1777.
Whiteman, Harman, November 1, 1777; to the Lydia, December 1, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT HORNET.

[The Muster Rolls commence July 1, 1777, and end June 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Greenway, William, formerly of the Vulture, July 4, 1777.

### Gunners.

Fisher, David, July 4, 1777; discharged by the Navy Board, April 1, 1778.
Quality, James, April 1, 1778.

### Privates.

Allen, George, May 1, 1778.
Allen, James, May 1, 1778.
Bardell, George, May 1, 1778.
Bristol, Isaac, August 4, 1777; to the Lion, November, 1777.
Crety, Daniel, August 13, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Darrach, John, May 1, 1778.
Fisher, William, July 4, 1777; discharged by the Navy Board, April 1, 1778.
Haley, Hugh, August 26, 1777; to the Lion, November, 1777.
Hanshy, Edward, August 9, 1777; ran away November, 1777.
Johnson, Thomas, August 13, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Kerr, Adam, May 1, 1778.

Knowles, William, May 1, 1778.
Maddocks, John, September 1, 1777; to the Delaware, September, 1777.
M'Cleary, Archibald, May 1, 1778.
Spear, Mathias, August 8, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Wiles, John, May 1, 1778.
Williams, John, August 26, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE SLOOP INDUSTRY.

[There is but one Muster Roll of this vessel—from November 1, 1777, to April 1, 1778.]

### Master.

Townshend, Thomas, November 1, 1777.

### Privates.

Shillingsworth, Thomas, November 1, 1777; "at Timber Creek, April 1, 1778."
Townshend, John, November 1, 1777; to the Speedwell, April 1, 1778.
Welch, John, November 1, 1777; "at Timber Creek, April 1, 1778."

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE SLOOP LIBERTY.

[The Muster Rolls commence March 1, 1777, and end December 1, 1778.]

### Masters.

Wert, (Virt,) George, March 7, 1777.
Crawford, David, July 1, 1778; discharged December 15, 1778.

### Seamen.

Hills, Thomas, March 7, 1777.
Frump, Jacob, June 1, 1777.
Lewis, Jeremiah, March 7, 1777.

Palmatary, John, from the Lydia, September 1, 1777; ran away January 31, 1778.
Pierce, Andrew, (a boy,) June 1, 1777; ran away January, 1778.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT LION.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1777, and end December 1, 1779.]

### Captain.

Martin, Hervey, from First Lieutenant of the Washington, March 6, 1777.

### Gunners.

Lisk, Michael, June 1, 1777.
Hayman, Samuel, from the Dragon, April 1, 1778; discharged December 1, 1778.
M'Coombs, John, from private on the Hancock, December 6, 1778.

### Seamen.

Baptiste, John, June 1, 1777.
Bettest, John, June 1, 1777.
Berry, John, June 1, 1777.
Bristol, Isaac, from the Hornet, November 1, 1777.
Clark, William, September 1, 1778 .
Cottinger, George, July 20, 1777.
Denny, John, June, 1, 1777.
Doyle, Christian, July 1, 1779.
Duff, John, November 1, 1778.
Eagan, John, November 1, 1778.
Enneston, John, June 1, 1777.
Fisher, Thomas, from the Dragon, April 1, 1778.
Gavin, John, from the Washington, July 1, 1777.
Goudy, William, November 1, 1778.
Haley, Hugh, from the Hornet, November 1, 1777.
Harris, John, June 1, 1777.
Harris, Thomas, November 1, 1778.
Johnston, George, from the Terror, September 1, 1778.
Linney, Joseph, from the Salamander, July 1, 1778.
M'Kenzie, Duncan, from the Fame, February 1, 1779.

M'Lean, William, from the Washington, June 1, 1777.
Major, John, June 1, 1777.
Malloy, Hugh, September 1, 1778.
Mills, James, from the Porcupine, April 1, 1778.
Mullen, Robert, from the Fame, May 1, 1779.
Neal, Charles, July 20, 1777.
O'Furry, Peter, June 1, 1777; to the Washington, July 1, 1777.
Reazen, James, from the Dragon, April 1, 1778; ran away April 1778.
Riddle, George, from the Washington, July 1, 1777.
Ross, Hugh, June 1, 1777; to the Washington, July 1, 1777.
Templin, Isaac, from the Hawk, April 1, 1777.
Wharton, James, June 1, 1777.
Williams, John, July 15, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE SCHOONER LYDIA.

[The Muster Rolls commence July 1, 1776, and end January 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Simpson, James, May 25, 1776; to Second Lieutenant of the Convention, February 2, 1777.
Wert, Philip, February 2, 1777.

### Mate.

Alexander, Samuel, June 5, 1776.

### Privates.

Brant, Jacob, July 1, 1777.
Cooley, George, July 1, 1777.
Custard, Adam, July 1, 1777.
Fletcher, Nathaniel, March 1, 1777.
Gosnear, Jacob, June 10, 1776; died January 4, 1777.
Johnston, George, July 1, 1776; to the Hawk, January 4, 1777.
M'Laughlin, Thomas, June 5, 1776; discharged February 1, 1777.
Marshall, Jeremiah, July 16, 1776; discharged February 1, 1777.

Palmatary, John, July 1, 1777; to the Liberty, September 1, 1777.

Whiteman, Harman, from the Hetty, December 1, 1777.

Wickham, Rufus, June 10, 1776.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF SHIP MONTGOMERY.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end August 1, 1777. During this period the Montgomery was the Flag Ship of the Pennsylvania Navy, and on the Muster rolls appear the names of the Commodores. These are, however, omitted—their record being given elsewhere.]

### Officers and Crew of the Ship.

#### Captains.

Read, Thomas, Esq., October 23, 1775; resigned June 7, 1776, to enter Continental service.

Dougherty, Henry, from the Washington, October 1, 1776; resigned May 14, 1777.

Allen, William, May 15, 1777.

#### First Lieutenants.

Feariss, Francis, March 17, 1776.

Gilbert, Francis, from the Washington, October 1, 1776; to Captain of the Thunder, April 7, 1777.

Collings, Robert, (formerly Master of the Privateer Friendship,) May 23, 1777.

#### Second Lieutenants.

Yorke, Edward, March 20, 1776; to Captain of the Camden, October 1, 1776.

Hollinshead, Samuel, from Midshipman, October 1, 1776; resigned November 25, 1776.

Stephens, James, May 28, 1777.

#### Third Lieutenants.

Greenway, Joseph, March 20, 1776; discharged August 15, 1776.

Batson, George, from Midshipman, October 1, 1776; resigned November 25, 1776.

Surgeons.

M'Henry, Matthew, April 13, 1776; discharged March 29, 1777.
Standley, Valentine, July 31, 1777; to Surgeon of the Fleet, October 1, 1777.

Surgeon's Mate.

Russell, William, June 1, 1776; discharged March 8, 1777, "to go on Board ye Sloop Independence."

Masters.

Mitchell, John, March 20, 1776.
Wilson, John, June 2, 1777.

Midshipmen.

Allison, Blaney, February 26, 1776; discharged August 15, 1776, "to go with Captain Read."
Whitepain, William, March 29, 1776; discharged September 6, 1776, to enter Continental service.
Rees, Daniel, March 29, 1776; to Second Lieutenant of Putnam Battery, October 4, 1776.
Batson, George, March 27, 1776; to Third Lieutenant, October 1, 1776.
Hollinshead, Samuel, March 29, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, October 1, 1776.
Barry, Theodorus, April 18, 1776.
Sibbald, Martin, January 27, 1777.
Bell, William, June 17, 1777.
M'Neal, Laughlin, June 27, 1777; drowned July 16, 1777.

First Mate.

French, Robert, April 4, 1776; discharged August 15, 1776; "to go with Captain Read."

Second Mates.

Louttett, Henry, May 1, 1776; ran away June 23, 1776.
Fell, Thomas, July 1, 1776.
Bonna, Michael, from Boatswain of the Vulcano, July 7, 1777.

Third Mate.

Parkison, Martin, May 1, 1776.

Gunners.

Nelson, Thomas, March 12, 1776; discharged October 8, 1776.
Lamb, William, June 6, 1777.

Gunner's Mates.

Myers, George, March 29, 1776; to Gunner on Putnam Battery, October 21, 1776.

Gilfroy, (Gillaffroy,) John, April 11, 1776; to Boatswain, June 1, 1777.

Hill, James, October 1, 1776; ran away November 28, 1776.

Hopper, Anthony, June 7, 1777.

Pilot.

Tudor, Henry, August 9, 1776; to the Randolph, December 1, 1776.

Boatswains.

Eley, Isaac, April 11, 1776; to the Putnam, June 1, 1777.

Gilfroy, John, from Gunner's Mate, June 1, 1777; (tried by Court Martial at Trenton, May 19, 1778, for mutiny and desertion; sentenced to death. Pardoned by Council of Safety, July 25, 1778.)*

Boatswain's Mate.

Fairbank, Thomas, July 1, 1776; drowned September 11, 1776.

M'Lean, John, July 1, 1776; to boatswain of the Ranger, December 3, 1776.

M'Carty, Jeremiah, from Seaman, August 1, 1776; to the Warren, November 1, 1776.

Strong, Valentine, October 21, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.

Whitehead, John, from Seaman, January 1, 1777; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.

Boatswain's Yeoman.

Shay, John, April 20, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.

Stewards.

Reynolds, Alexander, May 1, 1776; discharged June 1, 1776, "on acc't of his being a Lunatick."

Caldwell, Thomas, March 18, 1776; to Clerk, October 1, 1776.

Caldwell, William, from Steward's Mate, October 1, 1776.

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*See Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. VI, p. 527, for proceedings; also Col. &c., Vol. XI, p. 541.

Steward's Mates.

Caldwell, William, April 7, 1776; to Steward, October 1, 1776.
Stuart, Duncan, from Seaman, October 1, 1776; to the Ranger, February 1, 1777.
Atchison, William, March 1, 1777; ran away May 1, 1777.

Commodore's Steward.

Lawrence, ————, May 1, 1776; discharged May 27, 1776.

Cabin Steward.

M'Guire, Patrick, July 29, 1776.

Clerks.

Hopes, John, July 1, 1776; discharged September 21, 1776.
Caldwell, Thomas, from Steward, October 1, 1776.

Captain's Clerks.

Reynolds, Jackson, March 22, 1776; discharged July 16, 1776.
Caldwell, Thomas, March 18, 1777.

Quartermasters.

Castles, Thomas, March 29, 1776; discharged May 27, 1776, "for a bad state of health and a hurt in his side, per Dr. Rush's opinion."
Robinson, Daniel, May 1, 1776.
Work, Robert, from the Putnam, July 1, 1776.
M'Gowan, Patrick, July 1, 1776; to Gunner on the Ranger, December 3, 1776.
Livingston, Neal, July 1, 1776; ran away November 28, 1776.
Gall, Bartholomew, from Seaman, October 1, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.
Richmond, Charles, July 5, 1777.

Quarter Gunners.

Lepard, Thomas, July 1, 1776.
Murphy, John, July 1, 1776.
M'Collum, Allen, July 1, 1776.
Flynn, Edward, July 1, 1776; to Gunner's Mate on the Putnam Battery, October 21, 1776.
Shute, Michael, from Seaman, June, 1777.
Feariss, Zachariah, July 7, 1777.

Carpenters.

George, James, March 28, 1776; ran away November 17, 1776.
Lock, Joseph, June 4, 1777.

Carpenter's Mates.

Raworth, John, March 28, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.
Hamilton, Hugh, April 6, 1776; to the Putnam Battery, November 5, 1776.
Cambridge, Joseph, June 4, 1777.
Richey, George, July 17, 1777.

Carpenter's Yeoman.

Hodgson, Richard, March 29, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.

Master Armourer.

Conway, Arthur, October 1, 1776; to Gunner of the Thunder, April 7, 1777.

Armourers.

Hazleton, Hamilton, March 25, 1776; discharged September 25, 1776.
Garland, John, October 1, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.

Ship's Cooks.

George William, April 17, 1776; ran away March 1, 1777.
Crowden, John, from Seaman, June, 1777.

Drummer.

Carroll, Peter, October 1, 1776; to the Thunder, May 6, 1777.

Seamen.

Baker, John, July 6, 1777; ran away July 28, 1777.
Barnett, Hugh, October 1, 1776; ran away November 9, 1776.
Barnett, James, November 26, 1776.
Boyd, James, June 14, 1777; ran away July, 1777.
Boyle, Caleb, April 19, 1776; to the Arnold Battery, November 1, 1776.
Brooks, Francis, April 2, 1776; to the Delaware, April 11, 1777.
Brown, Gabriel, March 28, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.
Bryan, James, May 1, 1776; ran away September 9, 1776.

Brown, Bryan, June 4, 1776.
Carroll, Daniel, March 25, 1776; to the Arnold Battery, November 1, 1776.
Calaghan, Edward, October 1, 1776; died February 17, 1777.
Campbell, Daniel, July 1, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.
Carmick, Joseph, April 10, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.
Castleton, James, July 1, 1776.
Coats, Benjamin, July 1, 1776.
Collings, Edward, July 1, 1777.
Courtney, David, July 1, 1776.
Crawford, Jacob, ( boy,) April 29, 1776; ran away January 1, 1777.
Croney, John, April 3, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.
Crow, Robert, July 1, 1776.
Crowden, John, October 1, 1776; to cook, June, 1777.
Desmond, (Desman,) Humphrey, May 4, 1776; ran away November 29, 1776.
Dorbin, John, April 2, 1776.
Duffy, John, from the Burke, November 28, 1776.
Elford, John, July 1, 1776; ran away November 1, 1776.
Fell, James, (a boy,) July 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.
Finney, David, May 1, 1776.
Fitzgerald, Redm'n, October 1, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.
Freel, Edward, July 1, 1776.
Gallagher, Benjamin, June 15, 1777.
Gall, Bartholomew, April 25, 1776; to Quartermaster, October 1, 1776.
Gibbons, Richard, July 1, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.
Gibbons, Walter, July 1, 1776; died March 15, 1777.
Gilfroy, (Gillaffroy,) Matthew, (a boy,) July 1, 1776; discharged March 1, 1777.
Green, John, April 19, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.
Ham, Jeremiah, April 2, 1776; ran away June 16, 1776.
Hawkins, Timothy, April 2, 1776.
Hendricks, Peter, October 1, 1776; drowned December 13, 1776.
Irwin, James, (a boy,) April 13, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
James, Andrew, July 1, 1776; ran away November 28, 1776.
Jones, Thomas, from marine, November 1, 1776.
Lamb, Thomas, July 1, 1776; ran away September 9, 1776.
Louttet, Thomas, (a boy,) August 1, 1776; "Charity," discharged October 1, 1776.

Lynn, Michael, June 17, 1777.

M'Carty, Jeremiah, April 2, 1776; to Boatswain, August 1, 1776.

M'Castleton, James, July 1, 1776.

M'Causland, James, July 1, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.

M'Daniel, John, from the Delaware, June 18, 1777.

M'Donnell, (M'Donald,) Alexander, (a boy,) May 1, 1776.

M'Donnell, (M'Donald,) John, July 1, 1776; to the Delaware, April 14, 1777.

M'Donnell, (M'Donald,) Michael, April 23, 1776; to the Washington, November 1, 1776.

M'Laughlin, Dennis, October 1, 1776.

Mitchell, Thomas, July 1, 1776; to the Washington, November 1, 1776.

Mootery, Edward, October 1, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.

Moran, James, May 3, 1776; "ran from the Hospital," May 21, 1776.

Morris, George, April 28, 1776; taken away by his master, November 1, 1776.

Murray, Jeremiah, from marine, September 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.

Murray, William, May 20, 1777.

Ossler, Thomas, July 1, 1776.

Primrose, William, July 22, 1776; to the Burke, November 26, 1776.

Robinson, Thomas, May 1, 1776.

Rowland, John, July 18, 1777; ran away July 28, 1777.

Ryan, James, April 7, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.

Shay, John, from the Delaware, June 5, 1777.

Shute, Michael, October 1, 1776; to Quarter Gunner, June 1, 1777.

Smith, Robert, July 1, 1776.

Stanley, Peter, (a boy,) July 18, 1776; discharged February 1, 1777.

Stewart, Duncan, July 1, 1776; to Steward's Mate, October 1, 1776.

Stock, John, April 3, 1776; ran away November 10, 1776.

Stay, David, (a boy,) July 1, 1776; discharged September 22, 1776.

Taylor, John, April 28, 1776; ran away November 12, 1776.

Tingle, Samuel, July 1, 1776; died February 12, 1777.

Vance, John, July 22, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.

Walker, Rowland, April 2, 1776; ran away February 1, 1777.

Walker, William, June 13, 1777.

Wayne, Connor, May 1, 1776.
Weir, James, October 1, 1776.
Welsh, James, March 25, 1776; to the Burke, November 28, 1776.
West, Harrison, (a boy,) June 17, 1776.
Whitehead, John, July 1, 1776; to Boatswain's Mate, January 1, 1777.
Williams, John, July 1, 1776.

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Officers and Marines.

Captain.

Brown, William, February 16, 1776.

First Lieutenant.

Morrison, James, March 23, 1776.

Second Lieutenant.

Caldwell, Thomas, March 8, 1776; discharged, June 1, 1776, "as there is not to be a Second Lieutenant of Marines;" to Steward, June 1, 1776.

Sergeants.

Thompson, James, March 8, 1776.
Cochran, James, from private, June 1, 1776.

Corporals.

Bird, Joseph, March 30, 1776.
Wylie, James, April 24, 1776.

Drummers.

M'Donnell, Alexander, May 1, 1776.
Hog, Thomas, June 22, 1776.

Privates.

Able, Peter, March 27, 1776.
Aiken, John, April 3, 1776.
Anderson, John, April 12, 1776; ran away September 21, 1776.
Barber, Peter, April 29, 1776; discharged August 15, 1776.
Blain, James, April 3, 1776.
Brannon, John, April 6, 1776.

Brown, Thomas, March 18, 1776.
Burchill, James, August 4, 1776.
Bush, Isaac, April 23, 1776; "run from the Hospital," May 21, 1776.
Callaghan, Patrick, March 21, 1776; discharged August 15, 1776.
Campbell, George, March 28, 1776.
Charmondy, John, April 6, 1776; to the Putnam, April 26, 1776.
Cochran, James, March 8, 1776; to Sergeant, June 1, 1776.
Deliber, James, June 28, 1776.
Dunbar, Ephraim, March 25, 1776; "run from the Hospital," June 20, 1776.
Finley, John, April 6, 1776.
Finley, William, April 2, 1776.
Fisher, Thomas, April 29, 1776; discharged May 22, 1776, "for deafness."
Flanigan, Daniel, April 18, 1776.
Hayes, Archibald, March 24, 1776.
Hayes, Cornelius, April 1, 1776.
Johnson, William, April 22, 1776.
Jones, Thomas, April 14, 1776; to Seaman, November, 1776.
Keenan, Nicholas, March 9, 1776.
Kinnear, Joseph, April 23, 1776; ran away June 20, 1776.
Kirkland, James, April 16, 1776.
Learner, Robert, April 10, 1776.
Leonard, Christopher, March 21, 1776.
M'Cartney, Patrick, March 19, 1776.
M'Connell, Randle, April 11, 1776.
M'Keever, Michael, March 8, 1776.
M'Kinson, Andrew, April 22, 1776.
M'Leese, (M'Clees,) Luke, April 22, 1776.
M'Mahon, John, April 16, 1776.
M'Polye, Dennis, March 19, 1776.
Mills, Daniel, April 19, 1776.
Monks, James, June 17, 1776.
Montgomery, William, March 25, 1776.
Mullen, John, April 3, 1776.
Murphy, Thomas, August 7, 1776.
Murray, Jeremiah, March 14, 1776; to Seaman, September 1, 1776.
Pegan, Andrew, March 20, 1776; ran away June 25, 1776.
Phillips, Matthew, June 17, 1776.
Phillips, Samuel, April 22, 1776.
Poland, Peter, March 21, 1776.

Read, (Reed,) Robert, March 27, 1776.
Reily (Riley,) Patrick, April 23, 1776.
Reynolds, Robert, March 18, 1776.
Robinson, James, April 16, 1776.
Robinson, William, April 16, 1776.
Rodgers, (Rogers,) James, March 19, 1776.
St. Ann, John, April 17, 1776.
Stapleton, Thomas, April 9, 1776.
Thomas, Edward, April 23, 1776; ran away September 19, 1776.
Williams, Charles, April 14, 1776; discharged July 1, 1776.
Willey, John, April 11, 1776.
Wilson, Henry, April 26, 1776; "ran from the Hospital," May 21, 1776.
Wilson, Isaac, September 7, 1776.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT PORCUPINE.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1776, and end May 1. 1778.]

### Captain.

Tatnell, Robert, May 27, 1776; "taken prisoner at Bristol, 7th April," 1778.

### Gunners.

Jones, Charles, May 30, 1776; discharged August 20, 1777.
Talley, Thomas, from the Salamander, August 25, 1777; to the Hancock, April 1, 1778.
Steel, William, from the Burke, April 1, 1778; "taken Prisoner at Bristol, 17th April," 1778.

### Steward.

Williams, Henry, June 1, 1777.

### Privates.

Anderson, Neal, March 29, 1777; ran away April 1778.
Barber, Jacob, June 16, 1776; discharged January 16, 1777.
Barber, John, June 21, 1776.
Barry, George, December 20, 1776; "suppos'd taken at Woodberry, 20th November, 1777;" died March 1, 1778, at Philadelphia, a Prisoner.

Bingham, Peter, January 22, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Burtt, John, July 1, 1776; ran away October 10, 1776.
Butlertoy, John, from the Burke, April 1, 1778; "taken Prisoner at Bristol, 17th April," 1778.
Clark, Thomas, May 8, 1777; "did not receive bounty, not willing to stay."
Davis, Isaac, June 10, 1776; ran away July 13, 1776.
Drisdale, William, June 6, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Ford, William, January 23, 1777; discharged April 25, 1777.
Frederick, George, July 29, 1776; discharged February 1, 1777.
Goudy, William, March 4, 1777; "taken Prisoner at Bristol, 17th April," 1778.
Jobson, Samuel, June 21, 1776; discharged August 1, 1776.
Malloy, Hugh, February 12, 1777; to the Salamander, April, 1778.
Mills, James, March 16, 1777; to the Lion, April 1, 1778.
Moore, Anthony, March 4, 1777; ran away March 10, 1777.
Palmer, George, Sen., May 30, 1776; ran away August 7, 1777.
Palmer, George, Jr., December 1, 1776; ran away September, 1777.
Palmer, William, December 1, 1776; "claimed by his Master, March 12, 1777."
Peak, Thomas, June 7, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Rawle, Robert, May 30, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Souder, Jacob, June 11, 1776; discharged August 2, 1776.
Stanford, John, July 3, 1776; ran away, December 20, 1776.
Stuart, Archibald, March 1, 1777; "left sick at Taller's Springs, August 22," 1777.
Taylor, Israel, July 26, 1776; discharged October 16, 1776.
Thornton, Robert, from the Eagle, April 1, 1778; "taken prisoner at Bristol, 17th April," 1778; "made his escape there and brought the sd. boat out of the creek, now with the Terror."
Vandyke, Andrew, August 11, 1776; discharged February 26, 1777.
White, William, April 26, 1777; ran away October 15, 1777.
Williams, William, March 15, 1777; "left sick at Philadelphia. 27th September," 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE PUTNAM FLOATING BATTERY.

[The Muster Rolls commence October 1, 1776, and end August 1, 1777. Many of the names appear to have been carried on the Muster Rolls of the ships and galleys.]

### Captain.

Brown, William, February 16, 1776.

### First Lieutenant.

Morrison, James, March 23, 1776.

### Second Lieutenants.

Rees, Daniel, from Midshipman on the Montgomery, October 4, 1776; (reported absent without leave December 1, 1776, and then dropped from the rolls.)

Myers, George, from Gunner, April 9, 1777; to First Lieutenant of the Hancock, September 21, 1778.

### Third Lieutenants.

M'Kenison, James, October 4, 1776; resigned April 24, 1777.

Campbell, Alexander, from Gunner on the Washington, May 9, 1777.

### Master.

Eley, Isaac, (September 10, 1775,) from the Montgomery June 1, 1777.

### Master's Mates.

Work, Robert, September 25, 1775, to the Montgomery, July 1, 1776.

Nailor, Nicholas, December 21, 1776.

### Gunners.

Myers, George, from the Montgomery, October 21, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, April 9, 1777.

Logan, William, from the Convention, April 16, 1777.

### Gunner's Mates.

Flynn, Edward, from the Montgomery, October 21, 1776.

Thomas, William, April 22, 1777.

Boatswain.

Edwards, William, (September 10, 1775,) from the Franklin, October 8, 1776.
Bingham, Peter, January 22, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Boatswain's Mate.

Reed, Robert, May 27, 1776.

Steward.

Hamilton, Hugh, from the Montgomery, November 5, 1776.

Clerk.

Kelley, John, October 22, 1776.

Carpenters.

Littles, Samuel, December 1, 1776; discharged February 12, 1777.
Marsh, Joseph, March 19, 1777.

Sergeants.

Thompson, James, (also Quartermaster,) March 8, 1776.
Cochran, James, March 8, 1776.
Patterson, William, October 1, 1776.

Corporals.

Bird, Joseph, March 30, 1776; ran away January 2, 1777.
Wylie, James, April 24, 1776.

Master-at-Arms.

Thomas, James, March 8, 1776.

Drummers.

M'Donald, Alexander, May 1, 1776.
Holton, Thomas, March 19, 1777.

Privates.

Aiken, John, April 3, 1776; discharged December 20, 1776.
Allen, Andrew, October 2, 1776.
Allen, Henry, October 2, 1776.
Anderson, William, November 6, 1776; ran away January 1, 1777.

Bese, Stephen, October 2, 1776.
Blaine, James, April 3, 1776; ran away May 2, 1777.
Blake, Thomas, December 3, 1776; discharged February 17, 1777.
Blankflower, Charles, July 17, 1777.
Boatman, Levi, October 1, 1776; ran away November, 1776.
Bolland, Peter, March 21, 1776.
Bonnell, Daniel, December 27, 1776.
Boyd, Michael, November 30, 1776.
Brady, Dennis, October 7, 1776; exchanged for P. Backe, July 17, 1777.
Brannan, John, April 6, 1776.
Brown, Thomas, March 18, 1776.
Brown, William, October 19, 1776.
Burchel, James, August 4, 1776.
Burk, Edward, December 5, 1776; discharged February 15, 1777.
Burk, Patrick, July 17, 1777.
Calhoun, (Colquahoun,) John, Sen., December 5, 1776.
Calhoun, (Colquahoun,) John, Jr., December 12, 1776.
Campbell, George, March 28, 1776.
Casby, Timothy, October 15, 1776.
Charmondy, John, from the Montgomery, April 26, 1776.
Clendennan, John, November 1, 1776.
Collins, John, December 6, 1776.
Connell, Daniel, December 27, 1777.
Conner, Patrick, February 7, 1777.
Cox, John, June 11, 1777.
Creaner, Patrick, May 13, 1777.
Deliber, James, June 28, 1776.
Drinall, Jeremiah, July 20, 1777.
Dunbar, Ephraim, March 28, 1776.
Ellison, James, May 15, 1777.
Edwards, William, October 6, 1776.
Edward, John, March 14, 1777.
Feler, Martin, December 26, 1776.
Finley, John, April 6, 1776; discharged January 12, 1777.
Flanagan, Daniel, April 18, 1776; discharged February 12, 1777.
Frail, Edward, November 1, 1776.
George, David, November 23, 1776; discharged February 17, 1777.
Glaken, John, December 28, 1776.
Goff, William, November 23, 1776; ran away December 29, 1776.

Gordon, Patrick, July 15, 1777.
Gray, William, January 13, 1777; discharged February 17, 1777.
Gready, Dennis, October 7, 1776.
Green, Peter, October 23, 1776.
Green, Richard, June 9, 1777.
Hall, Benjamin, (Armourer,) October 23, 1776.
Handshaw, Moses, June 4, 1777.
Hannah, Alexander, October 23, 1776.
Harding, James, October 10, 1776; ran away October 13, 1776.
Hayes, Archibald, March 24, 1776.
Hayes, Cornelius, April 1, 1776.
Hayfield, John, December 7, 1776.
Hazeldine, Bennett, July 15, 1777.
Ingle, Martin, November 4, 1776.
Ireton, Obediah, October 31, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Jamison, David, October 25, 1776.
Johnston, William, April 22, 1776.
Jones, Thomas, April 14, 1776.
Kelly, Thomas, April 5, 1777.
Kineer, Nicholas, March 9, 1776.
Kerbey, Timothy, October 11, 1776.
Kinnear, Joseph, April 13, 1776; discharged May 25, 1777.
Kirkland, James, April 16, 1776.
Lamar, Mark, December 7, 1776.
Learner, Robert, April 10, 1776.
Leesman, John, February, 1777.
Leonard, Christopher, March 21, 1777; ran away February 16, 1777.
Leonard, William, October 17, 1776.
Longbridge, William, November 5, 1776.
Love, Mathew, December 2, 1776.
Lyon, John, November 6, 1776; drowned March 2, 1777.
M'Cagney, Hugh, December 5, 1776.
M'Carty, Patrick, discharged March 8, 1777.
M'Clees, Luke, April 22, 1776.
M'Closky, Thomas, January 13, 1777; discharged February 14, 1777.
M'Connell, Charles, October 19, 1776.
M'Connell, Randle, April 11, 1776.
M'Donald, Alexander, May 1, 1777.
M'Illmoyle, John, December 7, 1776.
M'Keever, Michael, discharged March 8, 1777, time expired.
M'Kenison, Andrew, April 22, 1776.
M'Kenison, Andrew, October 6, 1776.
M'Kenison, Thomas, October 6, 1776.

M'Kenison, William, October 6, 1776.
M'Mahan, James, April 16, 1776.
M'Mahan, John, April 16, 1777.
M'Royle, Dennis, March 19, 1776.
M'Swain, Hugh, (cook,) October 25, 1776.
Malone, John, October 24, 1776; discharged January 17, 1777.
Mills, Daniel, April 19, 1776.
Mitchell, Andrew, November 1, 1776.
Monks, (Munks,) James, June 17, 1776.
Montgomery, William, March 25, 1776.
Mullan, Patrick, October 19, 1776; ran away October 19, 1776.
Mullan, Thomas, October 15, 1776.
Murphy, Daniel, October 3, 1776.
Murphy, Thomas, (marine,) drowned October 17, 1776.
Oldfield, John, December 2, 1776.
Osey, Philip, October 1, 1776.
Patterson, William, December 3, 1776.
Pattan, John, October 23, 1776.
Pettit, Cornelius, October 30, 1776; discharged July 15, 1777.
Philips, Matthew, June 17, 1776.
Philips, Samuel, April 22, 1776.
Polland, Peter, March 21, 1776.
Randall, William, March 21, 1777.
Reed, Robert, March 27, 1776.
Reily, Patrick, April 23, 1776.
Reily, Timothy, December 26, 1776.
Reily, Thomas, October 19, 1776.
Reynolds, Robert, March 18, 1776.
Rice, William, January 28, 1777.
Ritchey, William, October 27, 1776.
Robinson, James, April 16, 1776.
Robinson, John Gottham, March 1, 1777.
Robinson, William, April 16, 1776.
Rogers, James, March 19, 1776.
Rose, Stephen, October 2, 1776.
Santon, John, April 17, 1776.
Scott, James, October 3, 1776; ran away January 15, 1777.
Sheldon, James, October 28, 1776.
Shields, John, October 13, 1776.
Simpson, Thomas, December 5, 1776.
Smith, John, January 13, 1777.
Stanton, William, December 4, 1776.
Stapleton, Thomas, April 9, 1776; discharged January 22, 1777.
Tailor, Martin, December 26, 1776.
Talbert, James, November 30, 1776.

Trace, Jacob, October 11, 1776; discharged July 17, 1777.
Tracey John, October 6, 1776.
Trainer, Thomas, April 1, 1777.
Warren, William, from the Ranger, October 14, 1776.
Welch, James, December 2, 1776; ran away same day.
West, Harrison, October 9, 1776.
White, James, October 15, 1776; ran away December 17, 1776.
Wilkinson, William, October 29, 1776; ran away November 5, 1776.
Williard, John, October 1, 1776.
Wilson, Isaac, April 19, 1776; discharged December 27, 1776.
Wilson, John, November 9, 1776; ran away December 1, 1776.
Wright, Thomas, November 30, 1776; discharged March 1, 1777.
Wylie, John, April 11, 1776; ran away February 10, 1777.
Yarnall. Benjamin, December 14, 1776; ran away December 29, 1776.

(On July Rolls is a memorandum, William Clews and Hugh Bathorn, prisoners, belonging to Colonel Humpton.)

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT RACE HORSE.

Captain.

Dunn, Benjamin.

Private.

Donnelly, Patrick, from the Resolution, May 1, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT RANGER.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end August 1, 1777.]

Captains.

Montgomery, James, August 31, 1775; to the Chatham, May 29, 1776.
Mitchell, John, (February 16, 1776,) October 21, 1776.

First Lieutenants.

Jones, Gibbs, September 15, 1775.
Hume, Robert, from Second Lieutenant, February 16, 1776.
Hackett, John, October 5, 1776; "broke by a Court Martial, 15th January," 1777.
Wilson, Joseph, January 20, 1777; (deserted November, 1776, during attack upon Fort Mifflin.)

Second Lieutenants.

Hume, Robert, November 22, 1775; to First Lieutenant, February 16, 1776.
Wilson, John, March 6, 1776.
Fletcher, James, from Steward, October 4, 1776; died February 28, 1777.
Simmons, Nathan, March 31, 1777.

Gunners.

Fox, James, May 1, 1776.
M'Gowen, Patrick, from the Montgomery, December 3, 1776.

Gunner's Mate.

Hanse, Christopher, from private, July 1, 1776; ran away December 12, 1776.

Boatswains.

Peall, John, May 1, 1776; to private, July 21, 1776.
M'Lean, John, December 3, 1776.

Stewards.

Douglass, Thomas, May 1, 1776.
Fletcher, James, September 8, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, October 4, 1776.
Dunn, Dennis, October 25, 1776; ran away January 23, 1777.
Stewart, Duncan, from the Montgomery, February 1, 1777.

Clerks.

Kells, John, May 1, 1776.
Wentworth, William, April 1, 1777.

Carpenter.

Cunningham, James, February 26, 1775.

Armourer.

Farley, William, from private, May 1, 1776.

Drummers.

Kane, Patrick, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
M'Farland, Robert, November 12, 1776; ran away December 15, 1776.
Laird, John, May 13, 1777.

Privates.

Atkinson, William, May 1, 1776; ran away July 26, 1776.
Ball, Michael, July 23, 1776; discharged April 23, 1777.
Bard, John, May 1, 1776; discharged May 30, 1776.
Battis, Joseph, (John,) May 1, 1776; to drummer on the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
Bergin, William, October 17, 1776.
Brady, Barney, March 4, 1777.
Brown, Collin, March 18, 1777.
Brown, Joesph, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
Brown, William, January 30, 1777.
Bryan, William, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
Burke, Alexander, March 6, 1777; ran away March 8, 1777.
Burk, John, July 27, 1776.
Burton, William, March 6, 1777.
Callaghan, Patrick, September 26, 1775.
Campbell, Barney, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
Campbell, John, July 22, 1776; to Captain Rice's Galley, November 21, 1776.
Carney, (Carmen,) John, May 31, 1777.
Charles, ———, (a negro,) March 1, 1777.
Conner, Edward, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
Conway, James, November 12, 1776.
Coppinger, Francis, January 21, 1777.
Cunningham, William, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
Curry, (Currie,) William, May 1, 1776; discharged April 1, 1777.
Davis, Thomas, April 9, 1777; ran away April 19, 1777.
Day, Thomas, February 10, 1776.
DeShaveleat, Groe Buleate, May 5, 1777; died May 31, 1777.
Dobbins, John, May 31, 1777.
Donnigan, (Dunnigan,) William, May 31, 1776; to Captain Rice's Galley, November 21, 1776.

Dougherty, Bryant, March 4, 1777.
Dulany, Michael, March 7, 1777.
Dunlavy, Patrick, June 6, 1777.
Fariss, John, March 7, 1777.
Farley, William, September 27, 1775; to Armourer, May 1, 1776.
Fisher, William, October 21, 1776.
Garvin, John, October 22, 1776.
Hamilton, John, October 25, 1776.
Hancock, Andrew, July 27, 1776; ran away September 17, 1776.
Hanse, (Hance,) Christopher, September 29, 1775; to Gunner's Mate, July 1, 1776.
Higgins, James, September 21, 1777.
Hogg, Thomas, June 26, 1777; ran away July 6, 1777.
Howell, John, December 17, 1776.
Inkester, Thomas, September 16, 1775.
Jones, Thomas, January 27, 1776.
Kelly, John, November 15, 1776; died January 24, 1777.
Landon, Walter, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
Lunaway, Henry, October 17, 1775.
Luvong, Peter, March 17, 1777.
M'Carty, Daniel, July 7, 1777.
M'Carty, Patrick, May 1, 1776; ran away October 4, 1776.
M'Carty, Timothy, June 12, 1777.
M'Corpin, Cornelius, October 17, 1776.
M'Guire, Thomas, March 6, 1777; ran away March 8, 1777.
Miles, Ambrose, October 21, 1776; discharged July 7, 1777.
Milton, George, August 4, 1776; ran away October 4, 1776.
Milton, Thomas, August 4, 1776; discharged September 13, 1776.
Murry, Andrew, May 1, 1776; to the Chatham, May 7, 1776.
O'Neill, Neal, May 1, 1776; ran away July 26, 1776.
Oxford, ———, May 1, 1776; discharged May 30, 1776.
Page, Richard, March 8, 1777.
Peal, John, from Boatswain, July 21, 1776.
Phillips, James, May 1, 1776.
Phillips, John, July 19, 1776.
Prince, ————, (a negro,) February 17, 1777.
Rogers, Patrick, March 4, 1777.
Ryan, John, August 2, 1776.
Scantling, Daniel, September 22, 1775; to the Convention, November 1, 1776.
Scantling, Dennis, March 1, 1777.

Sergeant, Edward, May 1, 1776; ran away October 4, 1776.
Shorter, William, July 22, 1776; discharged September 21, 1776.
Smaller, Conrad, March 18, 1777; ran away July 24, 1777.
Stephenson, (Stevenson,) Joseph, May 1, 1776; ran away October 4, 1776.
Van Reed, Cornelius, May 1, 1776.
Ward, Thomas, May 1, 1776; ran away September 13, 1776.
Warren, William, August 4, 1776.
Watkins, John, October 22, 1776; ran away November 26, 1776.
Watson, John, May 31, 1776.
Willer, Henry, May 1, 1776; ran away September 25, 1776.
Williams, William, May 1, 1776.
Winch, James, February 10, 1776.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT REPULSE.

### Captain.

Harrison, John, April 7, 1777; to the Experiment, April 30, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT RESOLUTION.

[The Muster Rolls commence April 1, 1777, and end February 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Lyell, William, from First Lieutenant of the Dickinson, April 7, 1777.

### Gunners.

Goddard, William, April 16, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Allen, George, from private, October 1, 1777; to the Fame, November 1, 1777.

Privates.

Allen, George, April 26, 1777; to Gunner, October 1, 1777.
Davison, James, May 8, 1777; ran away August 19, 1777.
Doe, James, April 25, 1777, to the Fame, November 1, 1777.
Donnelly, Patrick, April 24, 1777; to the Race Horse. "was claimed by Captain Alexander of the ship Delaware," May 1, 1777.
Duke, John, April 21, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Higgins, Benjamin, May 11, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Jones, Thomas, April 19, 1777; ran away April 21, 1777.
Laidley, Thomas, April 21, 1777; Steward at Hospital, Trenton, February 1, 1778.
Penrose, John, May 11, 1777; left sick at Philadelphia, August 24, 1777.
Shepard, Josiah, April 23, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Skilling, William, May 8, 1777; ran away November 20, 1777.
Waugh, Patrick, May 8, 1777; ran away November 20, 1777.
Wickstead, Timothy, April 26, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE SLOOP SPEEDWELL.

[The Muster Rolls commence September 1, 1777, and end July 1, 1778.]

Master.

Wade, Joseph, September 1, 1777.

Privates.

Crawford, David, December 1, 1777.
Curry, Samuel, September 1, 1777; ran away April, 1778.
Eagleson, James, July 1, 1778.
Mitchell, George, September 1, 1777; ran away February 1, 1778.
Townsend, John, from the Industry, April 1, 1778.
Toy, James, July 1, 1778.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT SALAMANDER.

[The Muster Rolls commence July 1, 1776, and end July 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Lawrence, Charles, April 6, 1776.

### Lieutenant.

Grubb, Jacob, from Gunner, October 1, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.

### Gunners.

Winchler, Henry, May 27, 1776; discharged August 26, 1776.
Grubb, Jacob, from private, August 26, 1776; to Lieutenant, October 1, 1776.
Morton, George, from private, January 1, 1777; left sick at Red Bank, October, 1777.
Connelly, (M'Connell,) Patrick, from the Burke, April 1, 1778.

### Steward.

Williams, Henry, August 1, 1777.

### Privates.

Allen, Nathaniel, from the Dickinson, April 1, 1778.
Archer, William, August 25, 1777; ran away October, 1777.
Baker, Frederick, February 3, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Beard, William, (a boy,) August 2, 1777; ran away April, 1778.
Brickley, David, May 27, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Butts, John, from the Defiance, April 1, 1777; ran away January 20, 1778.
Caltmiller, Jacob, June 24, 1776; discharged August 14, 1776.
Carey, John, from the Dickinson, April 1, 1778.
Clownish, James, from the Experiment, April 1, 1778.
Cobble, (Copple,) Nicholas, May 27, 1776; ran away July 1. 1777.
Cox, John, November 6, 1776; ran away December 20, 1776.
Egge, (Ager,) Leonard, May 27, 1776; ran away July 1, 1777.
Grubb, Jacob, May 27, 1776; to Gunner, August 26, 1776.
Huber, Jacob, June 2, 1776; drowned August 16, 1776.
Hummel, George, May 27, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.

King, John, July 1, 1776; ran away August 16, 1776.
Lawrence, Isaac, July 1, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Linney, Joseph, July 1, 1776; to the Lion, July 1, 1778.
Mackey, Daniel, February 20, 1777; ran away August 23, 1777.
Malloy, Hugh, from the Porcupine, April 1, 1778.
Marshall, Isaac, September 17, 1776; ran away August 7, 1777.
Miley, John, September 3, 1777; ran away January 20, 1778.
Morton, George, July 14, 1776; to Gunner, January 1, 1777.
Richards, Benjamin, March 8, 1777; ran away October, 1777.
Robley, Nicholas, May 27, 1776.
Shute, Joseph, August 26, 1776; ran away April, 1778.
Smith, Martin, May 27, 1776; died at Trenton, February 26, 1778.
Tolley, Thomas, January 17, 1777; to Gunner, on the Porcupine, August 25, 1777.
Turner, George, June 24, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.
Williams, John, from the Experiment, April 1, 1778.
Williams, William, from the Experiment, April 1, 1778.
Wright, Richard, August 26, 1777; ran away October, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE SLOOP SALLY.

[The Muster Rolls commence July 1, 1776, and end April 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Wert, Martin, May 24, 1776; discharged by Navy Board, January 1, 1778.
Bird, Frederick, from the Vulcano, January 1, 1778.

### Mates.

Fanning, Simeon, May 30, 1776; discharged January 10, 1777.
Allen, Charles, January 10, 1777; discharged August 1, 1777.
Pinyard, Matthew, from the Commodore's Barge, August 1, 1777, ran away January 15, 1777.
Bankson, Benjamin, from the Convention, April 1, 1778.

### Privates.

Burton, John, June 10, 1776; discharged June 1, 1777.
Fenton, John, May 29, 1776; died January 21, 1777.

Fidler, Philip, September 1, 1776; discharged December 1, 1777.

Firestone, Conrad, February 1, 1777; discharged April 1, 1778, by the Navy Board.

Jackson, John, June 1, 1777.

Lushet, John, February 1, 1777; discharged April 1, 1778, by the Navy Board.

M'Laughlin, John, June 2, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.

Reynolds, Josiah, June 14, 1777; discharged September 1, 1776.

Spilman, Philip, December 1, 1777; discharged April 1, 1778, by the Navy Board.

Stamford, (Stamper,) ———, June 4, 1776; discharged January 10, 1777.

Summers, (Somers,) Daniel, September 1, 1776; discharged April 1, 1778, by the Navy Board.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE SHIP STRUMBELO.

[The Muster Rolls commence March 1, 1777, and end November 1, 1777.]

### Captains.

Jones, Griffith, March 4, 1777; discharged September 1, 1777.

M'Knight, James, from Lieutenant, September 1, 1777.

### Lieutenant.

M'Knight, James, March 11, 1777; to Captain, September 1, 1777.

### Pilot.

Jackson, George, July 20, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

### Boatswain.

Farr, John, June 21, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

### Privates.

Baptisto, John, June 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Fido, John, April 29, 1777; ran away May, 1777.

Fillis, (Felty,) John, June 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Jones, John, March 12, 1777; discharged May 24, 1777.
M'Donald, Alexander, March 14, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Miller, Francis, June 21, 1777; ran away October, 1777.
Moore, Bartholomew, March 18, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Munn, Archibald, June 2, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Otto, Emanuel, June 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Pollin, Benjamin, May 23, 1777; "taken away by his Master, June 27," 1777.
Smith, John, April 16, 1777; ran away October, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT TERROR.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1779, and end January 1, 1779.]

### Captains.

Hardie, Robert, March 27, 1776; to the Burke, August 8, 1777.
Irwin, James, from First Lieutenant of the Franklin, August 8, 1777; discharged December 15, 1778.

### Gunners.

Goddard, William, June 11, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.
Wickstead, Timothy, from private, October 1, 1776; discharged January 20, 1777.
Ballentine, Robert, from the Aetna, January 21, 1777; discharged June 22, 1777.
Adams, Alexander, from private, June 23, 1777; ran away October 14, 1777.
Robinson, William, from the Eagle, April 1, 1778.
M'Coombs, John, from private, July 1, 1778.

### Privates.

Adams, Alexander, March 3, 1777; to Gunner, June 23, 1777.
Barber, James, from the Convention, April 1, 1778.
Bayman, John, March 27, 1777; ran away September 8, 1777.
Bradley, Anthony, June 17, 1776; discharged January 17, 1777.
Carpenter, John, August 11, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Crabb, John, June 12, 1776; to Steward of the Congress, September 12, 1777.

Davis, John, June 12, 1776; discharged August 4, 1776.

Demsey, John, August 12, 1776; died October 18, 1776.

Dougherty, Hugh, July 15, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.

Duff, John, from the Hawk, April 1, 1778; "got his discharge at Trenton, May 1, 1778."

Grimes, Shepard, from the Hawk, April 1, 1778; "got his discharge at Trenton, May 1, 1778."

Hart, John, Sen., November 1, 1776; discharged March 31, 1777.

Hart, John, Jr., June 13, 1776; ran away April, 1778.

Henfrey, Robert, November 5, 1776; ran away December 20, 1776.

Hill, Robert, June 6, 1776; discharged August 1, 1776.

Horton, John, June 12, 1776; ran away July 6, 1776.

Horton, William, February 3, 1777; died September 16, 1777.

House, James, June 28, 1776; ran away June 30, 1776.

Jackson, William, September 14, 1777; "put on board the Province ship, Captain Allen, September 26, 1777, for mutiny.

Johnston, George, from the Hawk, January 13, 1778; to the Lion, September 1, 1778.

Kane, James, from the Convention, April 1, 1778; discharged by Navy Board, September 6, 1778.

Kelly, James, June 27, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Leonard, William, July 1, 1778.

Linney, Adam, from the Eagle, April 1, 1778; ran away May, 1778.

M'Ally, (M'Calla,) Henry, from the Dragon, April 1, 1778; to the Convention, August 1, 1778.

M'Clannigan, William, from the Tormentor, April 1, 1778; ran away April, 1778.

M'Claskey, Paul, June 9, 1776; to the Viper, September 1, 1778.

M'Claskey, Patrick, September 1, 1778.

M'Coombs, John, December 8, 1776; to Gunner, July 1, 1778.

M'Donald, Alexander, June 20, 1776; discharged February 9, 1777.

M'Fatridge, Archibald, January 2, 1777; to the Burke, August 18, 1777.

M'Foil, (M'Poyl,) Dennis, from the Convention, April 1, 1778; to the Viper, September 1, 1778.

M'Laughlin, William, September 22, 1777; "went with Captain Collins, 13th Jan'y, 1778."

M'Manimy, Daniel, July 9, 1777; to the Burke, August 18, 1777.

Merrian, Robert, September 1, 1778.

Mullin, Robert, from the Convention, April 1, 1778; to the Fame, August 1, 1778.

Murray, John, June 5, 1776; ran away June 7, 1776.

Murray, Simon, June 12, 1776; discharged June 29, 1776.

Negley, Arthur, June 13, 1776; belongs to the Franklin.

Nicholas, James, February 10, 1777; ran away February 21, 1777.

Ridley, Samuel, February 13, 1777; ran away September 18, 1777.

Ryan, John, July 19, 1776; claimed by Captain Alexander, August 12, 1776.

Savage, James, June 28, 1776; discharged August 1, 1776.

Skilling, William, July 3, 1776; discharged February 9, 1777.

Smith, John, June 5, 1776; ran away June 7, 1776.

Thornton, Robert, from the Porcupine, July 1, 1778; discharged October 17, 1778.

Twelves, John, November 20, 1776; discharged July 1, 1777.

Warren, Thomas, February 10, 1777; to the Burke, August 18, 1777.

Wickstead, Timothy, August 12, 1776; to Gunner, October 1, 1776.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT THUNDER.

[The Muster Rolls commence April 1, 1777, and end September 1, 1777. On the margin of the latter is this statement. "Francis Gilbert, Capt'n, Diserted to the Enemy with the s'd Boat and all the men."]

### Captain.

Gilbert, Francis, from First Lieutenant of the Montgomery, April 7, 1777.

### Gunner.

Conway, Arthur, from the Montgomery, April 7, 1777.

### Privates.

Barnett, James, June 1, 1777.

Bitell, Peter, May 12, 1777; to the Hancock, June 16, 1777.

Brown, Henry, from the Hancock, June 16, 1777; died August 15, 1777.
Burgen, Michael, April 25, 1777.
Cameron, Alexander, May 17, 1777; discharged June 1, 1777.
Canteen, John, April 25, 1777.
Carroll, Peter, from the Montgomery, May 6, 1777.
Crafton, John, April 26, 1777.
Dawson, James, April 25, 1777.
Farren, George, May 8, 1777; drowned May 13, 1777.
Ford, Joseph, August 11, 1777.
Galley, George, May 6, 1777.
Kennedy, Robert, April 27, 1777.
Lewis, Thomas, April 29, 1777.
M'Carty, John, May 6, 1777; drowned May 13, 1777.
Morrison, George, May 14, 1777.
Munks, James, July 9, 1777.
Neff, Thomas, April 26, 1777; "on board a vessel with the Doctor, September 20, 1777."
Poa, Lewis, May 4, 1777.
Rapeen, John, May 16, 1777.
Robinson, James, April 23, 1777; ran away May, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT TORMENTOR.

[The Muster Rolls commence March 1, 1777, and end March 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Brown, James, from Lieutenant on the Vesuvius, February 1, 1777; resigned March 6, 1778.

### Gunner.

Cross, Daniel, March 1, 1777; ran away October 14, 1777.

### Privates.

Alfred, William, March 17, 1777; ran away March 17, 1777.
Bollard, Daniel, August 19, 1777; to the Hancock, April 1, 1778.
Campbell, James, March 29, 1777; died April 23, 1777.
Carroll, William, May 7, 1777; ran away November, 1777.

Cartarett, Daniel, March 27, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Dunn, John, March 6, 1777; ran away March 7, 1777.
Jones, Edward, March 1, 1777; "claim'd by Captain Howell, of the First Pennsylvania Battalion, 19th August," 1777.
Kilty, James, March 1, 1777; sick in Philadelphia, August 24, 1777.
M'Clannigan, William, March 1, 1777; to the Terror, April 1, 1778.
M'Fall, Patrick, March 18, 1777; taken Prisoner, September, 1777.
Miller, Peter, March 10, 1777; ran away October 14, 1777.
Morathy, Timothy, March 1, 1777; "went down the river with Captain Collins, 13th January," 1778.
Murphy, Daniel, May 8, 1777; discharged June 1, 1777, "almost blind."
Revere, Peter, August 16, 1777; taken Prisoner, September, 1777.
Tennant, John, May 8, 1777; taken Prisoner, September, 1777.
West, Thomas, March 10, 1777; to Gunner on the Hawk, August 19, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE BRIG VESUVIUS.

[The Muster Rolls commence July 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1777.]

### Captain.

Bingley, Edward, June 20, 1776.

### Lieutenant.

Emmes, John, June 28, 1776.

### Privates.

Donaldson, Joseph, July 13, 1776.
Lively, George, August 9, 1776.
Peters, Peter, July 13, 1776; died August 25, 1776.
Tucker, Robert, August 1, 1776.
Walton, John, July 13, 1776.

(To the Muster Roll for October, 1776, is this memoranda: "N. B. All the above persons left the s'd fire brig Vesuvius, in September last,")

Captain.

Christie, John, from First Lieutenant of the Chatham, October 4, 1776.

Lieutenants.

Brown, James, from the Bull Dog, October 4, 1776; to Captain of the Tormentor, February 1, 1777.

Hardie, William, February 1, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Boatswains.

Wood, James, from private, March 1, 1777; broke June 30, 1777, by Commodore Hazlewood.

Briggs, John, June 30, 1777; ran away August, 1777.

Lewis, Joseph, August 2, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Privates.

Alexander, Alexander, October 14, 1776; ran away October 18, 1776; "and was turned over to Captain Moore, of the Hancock Galley, 1st February, 1777; was tried by a Court Martial and proved by evidence, that he was sick the time he has been continued as run away."

Connell, Patrick, January 15, 1777; English deserter, discharged April 13, 1777, by order of Board of War.

Fitzpatrick, John, January 14, 1777; to the Burke, July 14, 1777.

Hagens, Barney, April 20, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Haley, Thomas, July 1, 1777; to the Camden, September 1, 1777.

Harrison, William, March 26, 1777; English deserter, discharged April 21, 1777, by order of Board of War.

Harvey, Jonathan, July 1, 1777; ran away July 24, 1777.

Johnston, John, from the Chatham, October 17, 1776.

Lee, James, January 15, 1777; English deserter, discharged April 13, 1777, by order of the Board of War.

Lovell, Thomas, October 14, 1776; ran away February 4, 1777.

M'Lean, Archibald, October 14, 1776; ran away March, 1777.

Owen, Ellis, June 2, 1777; left sick at Fort Mifflin, September, 1777.

Stephens, Thomas, December 20, 1776; died December 27, 1776.

Swan, James, December 9, 1776; to Gunner of the Fame, February 8, 1777; returned March 17, 1777; ran away July 28, 1777.

Wood, James, December 9, 1776; to Boatswain, March 1, 1777; to private, June 30, 1777; ran away, September, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT VIPER.

[The Muster Rolls commence April 1, 1777, and end December 1 1779.]

### Captain.

Beasly, Stephen, April 7, 1777.

### Gunners.

Alexander, William, April 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Stevens, Robert, from private, October 1, 1777; ran away December 1, 1777.
Quality, James, from the Fame, December 1, 1777; to the Franklin, September 1, 1778.
Lee, Robert, from private, September 1, 1778.

### Privates.

Bardea, (Brady,) George, from the Fire Brand, April 1, 1778.
Baylitz, Henry, from the Fire Brand, April 1, 1778; ran away October, 1779.
Boon, Ralph, April 10, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Boon, Solomon, September 24, 1777.
Brooks, Francis, from the Delaware, December 1, 1777; ran away January, 1778.
Bruton, (Bruden,) Joseph, from the Fire Brand, April 1, 1778.
Bryan, John, from the Hetty, April 18, 1777; ran away November, 1777.
Cahoon, John, from the Convention, April 1, 1778; discharged by Court Martial, August 11, 1778.
Caskaden, John, June 28, 1777; exchanged August 15, 1777.
Connor, John, May 12, 1777; ran away September 28, 1778.
Coupar, Alexander, June 28, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Cox, Nathaniel, May 5, 1777; ran away May, 1777.
Edwards, William, April 30, 1777; exchanged July 1, 1777.
Haines, Philp, July 1, 1777; ran away November 12, 1777.
Kite, James, from the Delaware, December 1, 1777; ran away January, 1778.
Knowles, William, from the Brimstone, April 1, 1778.
Lamar, Mac, from the Convention, April 1, 1778.
Lee, Robert, from the Fire Brand; taken Prisoner at Bristol, April 17, 1778; to Gunner, September 1, 1778.

Leech, John, May 28, 1777; "sick at Donegall, these ten months."

Lewis, Francis, July 1, 1777; was left sick at Philadelphia, September 1, 1777; returned September 28, 1778; to the General Green, April 1, 1779.

Lollard, William, April 28, 1777; discharged July 1, 1777.

M'Cagney, Hugh, July 1, 1778.

M'Caskey, Paul, from the Terror, September 1, 1778.

M'Clary, Archibald, from the Brimstone, April 1, 1778; to the Brimstone, May, 1778.

M'Clure, James, May 8, 1777; ran away May, 1777.

M'Dowell, Alexander, from the Delaware, December 1, 1777; to the Camden, April 1778.

M'Foil, Dennis, from the Terror, September 1, 1778; ran away November, 1779.

M'Lamar, John, July 1, 1778.

Middleton, John, May 21, 1777; to "Cockswain to Commodore Hazlewood, 21st May," 1777.

Moore, John, April 1, 1779; ran away Nevember, 1779.

Murphy, John, from the Delaware, December 1, 1777; ran away January, 1778.

Neal, James, April 1, 1779.

Parker, William, from the Fire Brand, April 1, 1778; ran away May 1778.

Roan, (Roney,) Daniel, July 1, 1778.

Shields, Andrew, from the Brimstone, April 1, 1778; ran away May, 1778.

St. Ann, John, July 1, 1778; ran away February, 1779.

Stenson, Gabriel, April 29, 1777; ran away December 1, 1777.

Stevens, Robert, from the Dragon, August 15, 1777; to Gunner, October 1, 1777.

Stevens, Stephen, from the Dragon, June 1, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Taylor, Martin, July 1, 1778.

Tutton, John, April 19, 1777; discharged August 12, 1777.

Wild, John, from the Wasp, April 1, 1778; to the Chatham, September 1, 1778.

Willson, John, August 12, 1777; ran away November 12, 1777.

Wright, Charles, from the Fire Brand, April 1, 1778.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIRE BRIG VULCANO.

[The Muster Rolls commence March 1, 1777, and end December 1, 1777.]

### Captain.

Brice, John, from the Aetna, March 11, 1777.

### Lieutenant.

Rogers, William, from Gunner, of the Warren, March 14, 1777.

### Mate.

Bonna, Michael, May 13, 1777; to Boatswain, May 22, 1777.

### Pilot.

Bird, Frederick, May 17, 1777; to Captain of the Sally, January 1, 1778.

### Boatswains.

Denny, William, April 22, 1777; ran away May 22, 1777.
Bonna, Michael, from Mate, May 22, 1777; to Second Mate of the Montgomery, July 7, 1777.
Magson, John, from private, July 7, 1777, ran away November 9, 1777.

### Privates.

Champlius, Francis Lewis, May 20, 1777; to the Warren, September 1, 1777.
Jemison, Mathew, from the Aetna, March 20, 1777; to the Warren, September 1, 1777.
Magson, John, June 30, 1777; to Boatswain, July 7, 1777.
Rafferty, John, from the Black Duck, April 1, 1778.
Reily, Edward, May 30, 1777; ran away November 9, 1777.
Ring, Thomas, March 19, 1777; to the Warren, September 1, 1777.
Robinson, James, March 14, 1777; to the Franklin, September 1, 1777.
Savage, James, April 5, 1777; to the Franklin, September 1, 1777.

## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT VULTURE.

[The Muster Rolls commence June 1, 1776, and end April 1, 1778. On October 1, 1776, the entire crew was transferred to the Fame, and the officers and men of the Eagle took charge of the Vulture.]

(From June 1, 1776; to October 1, 1776.)

Captain.

Greenway, William, March 28, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776, "by Hon'ble Council of Safety."

Gunner.

Hinsliff, John, June 3, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.

Privates.

Aughton, Henry, June 25, 1776; discharged August 17, 1776.
Brooks, Robert, June 27, 1776; ran away July 9, 1776.
Gaskill, Thomas, June 17, 1776.
Gilmor, James, July 2, 1776; ran away July 20, 1776.
Johnson, Thomas, June 27, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.
Marshall, Isaac, June 26, 1776; discharged September 10, 1776.
Raworth, John, June 13, 1776.
Reily, Edward, June 17, 1776.
Scott, John, June 27, 1776.
Screech, Joseph, August 13, 1776.
Sowder, John, August 28, 1776.
Sullivan, Dennis, June 27, 1776; discharged August 9, 1776.
Vandyke, John, August 9, 1776; ran away August, 1776.
Youatt, Jacob, June 25, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.

(From October 1, 1776; to April 1, 1778.)

Captain.

Hanse, Jacob, (April 16, 1776,) October 1, 1776; resigned March 6, 1778.

Gunners.

Clark, Peter, October 1, 1776; discharged January 28, 1777, "sickly."

Storey, Luke, February 10, 1777; discharged May 31, 1777.

Sutter, James, May 26, 1777; "taken Prisoner in town," September, 1777.

Privates.

Anderson, John, May 2, 1777; to the Washington, April 1, 1778.

Baker, Peter, October 1, 1776; ran away September, 1777.

Beaty, Richard, May 2, 1777; to the Washington, April 1, 1778.

Burton, Thomas, March 24, 1777; discharged September 20, 1777.

Cole, John, September 12, 1777; "taken Prisoner at Hollander's Creek," October, 1777.

Davis, Nehemiah, March 14, 1777; "taken Prisoner in town," September, 1777.

Dawson, James, October 1, 1776; "Time Shipped for Expir'd, January 21, 1777."

Day, William, October 1, 1776; ran away December 4, 1776.

Dennin, John, January 19, 1777; left sick in Philadelphia, September, 1777.

Dorward, Alexander, May 26, 1777; discharged July 1, 1777.

Gilbert, Conrad, October 1, 1776; "Time Shipp'd for Expir'd, January 21, 1777."

Hanlon, John, May 26, 1777; ran away June 22, 1777.

Havens, Thomas, March 12, 1777; to Colonel Proctor's company of Artillery, April 26, 1777.

Humphreys, John, June 8, 1777; died at Trenton, January 13, 1778.

Jones, Jonathan, June 13, 1777; "taken Prisoner in town, September, 1777."

Kale, George October 1, 1776; discharged February 15, 1777.

Leep, Leonard, October 1, 1776; "Time Shipp'd for Expir'd, January 21, 1777."

Masters, John, October 1, 1776; discharged January 1, 1777.

M'Donald, Neal, July 9, 1777; ran away September, 1777.

Morman, Peter, October 1, 1776; died at Bristol, December 27, 1777.

Negley, William, October 1, 1776; "Time Shipp'd for Expir'd, January 21, 1777."

Riley, John, March 24, 1777; ran away July 24, 1777.

Rodd, Amos, January 28, 1777; ran away March 14, 1777.

Ryan, John, July 1, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Saunders, Peter, October 1, 1776; "Time Shipp'd for Expir'd, January 25, 1777."
Warren, John, September 20, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Woodside, Thomas, February 20, 1777; died April 4, 1777.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT WARREN.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end June 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Davidson, Samuel, September 21, 1775; to command of the Arnold Battery, March 9, 1776.
Houston, Thomas, from First Lieutenant of the Franklin, March 11, 1776.

### First Lieutenants.

Simmons, Jeremiah, September 19, 1775; to First Lieutenant in Captain Proctor's company of Artillery, February 24, 1776; thence to Captain of the Arnold, October 1, 1776.
Brice, John, March 2, 1776; to Captain of the Aetna, October 19, 1776.
M'Lean, Lachlen, from Second Lieutenant, November 1, 1776; to Captain of the Dickinson, May 5, 1777.
Robinson, Joseph, May 5, 1777.

### Second Lieutenants.

M'Lean, Lachlen, May 1, 1776; to First Lieutenant, November 1, 1776.
Rogers, William, from Gunner, November 1, 1776; to Lieutenant of the Vulcano, March 14, 1777.
Brimen, Jonathan, April 29, 1777.

### Gunners.

Rogers, William, from Steward, September 1, 1776; to Second Lieutenant, November 1, 1776.
Reel, John, December 1, 1776.

Boatswains.

M'Carty, Jeremiah, October 9, 1776.
Sheppard, Thomas, January 1, 1777.

Stewards.

Ballentine, Robert, May 1, 1776; discharged August 1, 1776.
Rogers, William, August 1, 1776; to Gunner, September 1, 1776.
Shannon, Samuel, September 1, 1776.

Clerks.

Spees, Henry, September 27, 1775; to Steward on the Arnold, March 15, 1776.
M'Allister, Michael, May 1, 1776.
Bailee, Henry, January 1, 1777.

Carpenters.

Little, Samuel, May 1, 1776.
M'Cue, Edward, February 14, 1777.

Armourer.

Connor, John, August 20, 1776.

Drummer.

Caesar, (negro boy,) March 1, 1776.

Privates.

Allison, (Ellison,) Ralph, August 1, 1776; discharged February 5, 1777—lost the use of his limbs.
Ana Baptist, John, (cook,) March 1, 1777.
Anthony, Joseph, April 22, 1776.
Bonsolas, Ferdinando, August 1, 1776; ran away April 5, 1777.
Brown, George, March 1, 1776.
Brown, James, July 21, 1776; ran away May, 1777.
Campbell, Patrick, May 1, 1776.
Carter, Charles, January 30, 1777.
Chambers, Lawrence, June 16, 1777.
Champlius, Francis, from the Vulcano, September 1, 1777.
Clark, John, August 15, 1776.
Craig, John, May 1, 1776.
Curren, James, June 16, 1777.
Davis, David, May 1, 1776; "dropped overpoard at 5 P. M., and perished, August 21, 1776."

Day, William, June 16, 1777.
Flood, William, September 17, 1776.
Foresman, James, February 13, 1777.
Franklin, Simon, October 1, 1776; discharged October 20, 1776.
Frazer, John August 1, 1776.
Haines, James, April 27, 1777.
Harding, Joseph, May 24, 1777.
Haws, Joseph, August 1, 1776; to the Convention, April 1, 1777.
Henderson, John, August 11, 1776.
Holmes, James, May 1, 1776.
Houston, James, March 1, 1776.
Jemison, Matthew, from the Vulcano, September 1, 1777.
Jones, David, April 27, 1777.
Leary, Cornelius, August 15, 1776; ran away December, 1776.
M'Cabe, Henry, May 1, 1776.
M'Carty, Jeremiah, October 9, 1776.
M'Carty, Thomas, May 1, 1776; discharged August 21, 1776.
M'Grath, Thomas, May 30, 1776.
Monroe, John, July 21, 1776.
Newton, Richard, July 27, 1776.
Norris, Alexander, March 7, 1777; died March 26, 1777.
Norris, William, May 1, 1776.
Peel, John, August 1, 1776.
Perry, John, September 17, 1776.
Peters, Nicholas, July 27, 1776.
Pompey, John, August 27, 1776.
Rack, Lawrence, May 1, 1776.
Richards, Jonathan, May 1, 1776.
Ring, Thomas, from the Vulcano, September 1, 1777.
Rigan, William, August 16, 1776.
Rogers, James, July 5, 1777.
Rogers, William, May 1, 1776.
Ronan, William, May 24, 1777.
Roney, William, January 14, 1777; "returned to his Captain," February 6, 1777.
Shearman, Thomas, May 6, 1777.
Sheppard, Thomas, January 16, 1777.
Smith, John, July 15, 1776.
Smith, William, May 1, 1776; ran away May 22, 1776.
Snodgrass, William, March 21, 1777; English deserter.
Steerman, John, from the Convention, May 1, 1777.
Sullivan, Daniel, August 1, 1776; discharged January 10, 1777—"out of his senses."
Thompson, William, September 16, 1776.
Turnman, James, May 1, 1776; ran away May 23, 1776.

Underhill, Henry, March 21, 1777; English deserter.
Whitfrid, William, May 1, 1776; ran away January, 1777.
Wilson, William, May 1, 1778.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT GENERAL WASHINGTON.

[The Muster Rolls commence May 1, 1776, and end October 1, 1778.]

### Captains.

Dougherty, Henry, from the Experiment, August 1, 1775; to the Montgomery, October 1, 1776.
M'Fatrich, John, (March 22, 1776,) from Second Lieutenant of the Arnold, October 1, 1776.

### First Lieutenants.

Boyse, Nathan, August 29, 1775; to Captain of the Franklin, December 6, 1775.
Gilbert, Francis, from Second Lieutenant, February 16, 1776; to the Montgomery, October 1, 1776.
Martin, Henry, from Second Lieutenant of the Dickinson, October 1, 1776; to Captain of the Lion, March 6, 1777.
Fell, Thomas, from Master of the Arnold, March 14, 1777; to the Arnold, April 1, 1777.
Bell, Thomas, April 9, 1777.

### Second Lieutenants.

Gilbert, Francis, November 21, 1775; to First Lieutenant, February 16, 1776.
Fletcher, James, March 6, 1776; discharged July 1, 1776.
Perkins, Thomas, January 20, 1776; to First Lieutenat of the Hancock, October 1, 1776.
Speese, Henry, from Steward on the Arnold, October 4, 1776; to Franklin, September 1, 1779.

### Gunners.

Ardle, Philip, May 1, 1776; to Second Lieutenant of the Effingham, October 1, 1776.

Campbell, Alexander, October 26, 1776; to Third Lieutenant of Putnam, May 9, 1777.
Burroughs, James, from private, May 27, 1777.

Boatswains.

Duncan, Robert, May 1, 1776; discharged October 1, 1776.
Rolls, William, from private, October 1, 1776; to private December 1, 1776.
Thomas, Thomas, from private, December 1, 1776; to private December 26, 1776; from private, May 1, 1778.
Work, Robert, December 26, 1776.
Cooper, Peter, May 28, 1777.

Stewards and Clerks.

Smith, Hugh, May 1, 1776; discharged July 1, 1776.
Butler, John, from private, July 1, 1776.
Carson, James, October 20, 1776.

Carpenter.

M'Ilvaine, Michael, October 19, 1775.

Drummers.

Carroll, Peter, May 1, 1776.
Marshall, John, April 18, 1777; discharged April 28, 1777, by order of Governor M'Kinley, at Wilmington.

Privates.

Agan, Henry, April 24, 1777; ran away July 27, 1777.
Agnew, Thomas, May 1, 1776; ran away, July 14, 1776.
Anderson, John, from the Vulture, April 1, 1778.
Armstrong, James, July 28, 1776; ran away June 23, 1777.
Armstrong, John, (a boy,) July 28, 1776; ran away June 23, 1777.
Barnett, Hugh, May 1, 1776.
Bell, John, (a boy,) May 11, 1777.
Biddle, George, April 25, 1777.
Breaty, Richard, from the Vulture, April 1, 1778.
Byrne, Michael, May 1, 1776; died December 20, 1776.
Black, David, April 24, 1777.
Bradley, Robert, July 2, 1776; discharged September 5, 1776.
Brannan, John, to the Fame, August 1, 1778.
Brown, John, from the Arnold, March 20, 1777.

Brown, Samuel, May 10, 1777; to the Andrew Doria, June 27, 1777.
Butler, Andrew, from the Congress, March 18, 1777.
Butler, John, May 1, 1776; to Steward, July 1, 1776.
Burroughs, James, May 9, 1777; to Gunner, May 27, 1777.
Callaghan, Edward, May 1, 1776.
Carson, James, October 1, 1776; to Steward, October 20, 1776.
Cartmill, John, May 1, 1776.
Clark, James, May 11, 1776; discharged April 24, 1777.
Conway, Arthur, August 9, 1776.
Cook, Philip, September 1, 1776.
Cross, Daniel, January 1, 1777; returned to Colonel Proctor, April 1, 1777.
Crowder, John, May 1, 1776.
Cummins, James, (a boy,) February 2, 1777.
Dickinson, Henry, October 3, 1775; ran away November 21, 1776.
Donnell, John, May 1, 1776; died May 6, 1776.
Dougherty, Daniel, March 14, 1777; ran away June 26, 1777.
Dougherty, James, August 19, 1775.
Ferran, George, January 11, 1776; ran away September 5, 1776.
Fitzgerald, Redmond, May 1, 1776.
Flagham, John, April 19, 1777; ran away May 9, 1777.
Furme, (O'Furry,) Peter, from the Lion, July 1, 1777; ran away July 27, 1777.
Garland, John, September 1, 1776.
Gavin, John, January 7, 1776; to the Lion, June 1, 1777.
Gigney, John, August 10, 1776.
Haney, Henry, January 4, 1777.
Hart, John, January 4, 1776.
Harwood, Thomas, March 14, 1777; ran away July 15, 1777.
Hayes, John, January 11, 1776; discharged September 21, 1778.
Hendrickson, Peter, October 3, 1775.
Herrell, Charles, July 29, 1776; ran away December 24, 1776.
Hill, James, October 3, 1775.
Hogan, John, March 1, 1776.
Ivison, William, November 1, 1776.
Jegro, John, March 27, 1777; ran away July 28, 1777.
Jemison, Duncan, June 25, 1777.
Killin, George, April 18, 1777; discharged by order of Governor M'Kinley, at Wilmington, April 28, 1777.
Lewis, Joseph, October 3, 1775; ran away November 21, 1776.
Leonard, Edward, March 16, 1777; ran away March 30, 1777.
Lyson, Samuel, September 1, 1776; ran away September 8, 1776.
Massey, Robert, October 3, 1775; ran away September 5, 1776.

M'Carty, John, October 3, 1775.
M'Cloud, Daniel, February 4, 1777.
M'Collum, James, May 1, 1776; discharged September 1, 1776.
M'Collum, Allen, June 28, 1776; discharged September 22, 1778.
M'Donald, Duncan, March 21, 1776.
M'Donald, Michael, from the Montgomery, November 1, 1776.
M'Frail, John, March 1, 1776; discharged June 1, 1776.
M'Ilvaine, William, from the Congress, March 1, 1777.
M'Lamar, John, from the Viper, August 7, 1778.
M'Laughlin, Dennis, (a boy,) May 1, 1776.
M'Lean, William, March 6, 1776; to the Lion, June 1, 1777.
M'Neil, Duncan, May 1, 1776.
Michael, Eli, February 24, 1777.
Mitchell, Thomas, from the Montgomery, November 1, 1776; to Boatswain on the Congress, March 18, 1777.
Moore, John, May 10, 1777; ran away July 13, 1777.
Moore, Thomas, May 1, 1776.
Mootry, Edward, May 1, 1776.
Morrow, (Murrah,) John, September 16, 1776; ran away October, 1776.
Mullen, Daniel, September 25, 1776; ran away October 1, 1776.
Mullen, Thomas, May 1, 1776; discharged September 5, 1776.
Murphy, Daniel, to the Fame, August 1, 1778.
Neighbour, Nicholas, April 10, 1777.
O'Brien, James, October 3, 1775.
Reynolds, James, January 5, 1776.
Riddle, George, April 25, 1777; to the Lion, July 1, 1777.
Robertson, John, August 14, 1776.
Robinson, John, November 1, 1776; ran away November 23, 1776.
Rogers, ———, killed on board. (See Pennsylvania Archives, vol. V. p. 602.)
Rolles, William, October 3, 1775; to Boatswain, October 1, 1776; from Boatswain, December 1, 1776; ran away March 1, 1777.
Ross, Hugh, from the Lion, July 1, 1777.
Saunders, William, October 3, 1775; to Gunner on the Congress, March 18, 1777.
Schulzer, Philip, April 18, 1777.
Seers, Chirstopher, March 1, 1777; ran away March 31, 1777.
Sherbin, Joseph, May 1, 1776; died in Philadelphia, July 22, 1776.
Shute, Michael, October 3, 1775.
Simmons, Thomas, December 25, 1776.
Smith, John, September 1, 1776.

Stitts, William, February 22, 1777.
Strain, David, January 3, 1777.
Strong, Valentine, October 3, 1775.
Suble, John David, May 1, 1776.
Swan, Robert, August 12, 1776.
Thomas, Thomas, September 18, 1775; to Boatswain, December 1, 1776; from Boatswain, December 26, 1776; to Boatswain, August 1, 1778.
Thompson, Alexander, March 30, 1777; discharged July 1, 1777.
Tucker, George, April 24, 1777.
Turner, John, June 25, 1776; discharged September 1, 1778, lost an eye while in the service.
Wair, John, September 1, 1776.
Warm, Christian, February 22, 1777.
Warren, James, April 30, 1777.
Watson, Thomas, May 28, 1777.
Welsh, Maurice, March 20, 1777; ran away March 30, 1777.
West, John, (Armourer,) October 3, 1775.
White, James, October 1, 1776; ran away October, 1776.
Winch, James, September 1, 1778.

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## MUSTER ROLL OF THE ARMED BOAT WASP.

[The Muster Rolls commence July 4, 1777, and end July 1, 1778.]

### Captain.

Bradford, Joseph, July 4, 1777.

### Gunner.

Quality, Joseph, July 4, 1777; to Lieutenant on the Effingham, November 1, 1777.

### Privates.

Bigley, John, August 30, 1777; ran away September, 1777.
Hutchinson, James, July 4, 1777; "taken away by Captain Gilbert," September, 1777.
Richardson, Richard, August 12, 1777; sick at Trenton, March 1, 1778.

Wild, John, July 4, 1777; to the Viper, March 1, 1778.

(January 4, 1777, Bryan Ryan petitioned council for relief, stating that he served on the Wasp, Captain Baldwin, since October 29, 1776, showing that the Boat was in previous service to that given in the muster roll.)

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## CHEVAUX DE FRIZE PILOTS.

Dawson, Michael, October 11, 1775; discharged August 2, 1777.
Gamble, Joseph, October 11, 1775; discharged August 2, 1777.
Gordon, Daniel, October 11, 1775; discharged September, 1776.
Marshall, William, October 11, 1775; discharged August 2, 1777.
Maul, James, February 20, 1776; discharged August 2, 1777.
Maul, Nehemiah, October 11, 1775; discharged August 2, 1777.
Molleston, William, October 11, 1775; discharged August 29, 1777.
Robert, James, October 11, 1775; discharged August 2, 1777.
Ross, William, October 11, 1775; discharged August 2, 1777.
Schneider, John, October 11, 1775; discharged August 29, 1777.
Storey, Nathan, February 20, 1776; discharged August 2, 1777.

# PAPERS

RELATING TO THE

# PENNSYLVANIA NAVY.

1775--1781.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS OF PRIVATE ARMED VESSELS.

By the United States in Congress Assembled, April 7, 1781:

Be it ordained, and it is hereby ordained by the United States in Congress assembled, that the following Instructions be observed by the Captains or Commanders of private armed vessels, commissioned by letters of marque or general reprisals, or otherwise by the authority of the United States in Congress assembled—

First. You may by force of arms attack, subdue, and seize all ships, vessels, and goods, belonging to the king or crown of Great-Britain, or to his subjects, or others inhabiting within any of the territories or possessions of the aforesaid king of Great-Britain, on the high seas, or between high-water and low water marks. And you may also annoy the enemy by all means in your power, by land as well as by water, taking care not to infringe or violate the laws of nations, or laws of neutrality.

Second. You are to pay a sacred regard to the rights of neutral powers; and the usage and custom of civilized nations; and on no pretence whatever, presume to take or seize any ships or vessels belonging to the subjects of princes or powers in alliance with these United States; except they are employed in carrying contraband goods or soldiers to our enemies; and in such case you are to conform to the stipulations contained in the treaties subsisting between such princes or powers, and these states: And you are not to capture, seize or plunder any ships or vessels of our enemies, being under the protection of neutral coasts, nations or princes, under the pains and penalties expressed in a proclamation issued by the Congress of the United States, the ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

Third. You shall permit all neutral vessels freely to navigate on the high-seas, or coasts of America, except such as are employed in carrying contraband goods or soldiers to the enemies of these United States.

Fourth. You shall not seize or capture any effects belonging to the subjects of the beligerent powers on board neutral

vessels, excepting contraband goods; and you are carefully to observe, that the term contraband is confined to those articles which are expressly declared to be such in the treaty of amity and commerce; of the sixth day of February, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, between these United States and his most Christian Majesty, namely: arms, great-guns, bombs with their fuses and other things belonging to them, cannon-balls, gun powder, matches, pikes, swords, lances, spears, halberts, morters, petards, grenadoes, salt petre, muskets, musket-ball, bucklers, helmets, breast-plates, coats of mail, and the like kind of arms, proper for arming soldiers, musket-rests, belts, horses, with their furniture, and all other warlike instruments whatever.

Fifth. You shall bring all such ships and vessels as you shall seize or capture, with their guns, rigging, tackle, apparel and furniture and ladings, to judgment in any of the Courts of Admiralty that now are or hereafter may be established in any of these United States, in any Courts authorized by his most Christian Majesty, or any other power in alliance with these United States, to take cognizance of captures and seizures and made by the private armed vessels of these states, and to judicially hear and determine thereon.

Sixth. You shall send the master or pilot and one or more principal person of the company of every ship or vessel by you taken in such ship or vessel, as soon after the capture as may be, to be by the Judge or Judges of such Court as aforesaid examined upon oath, and make answer to such interrogatories as may be pronounced, touching the interest or property of the ship or vessel and her lading; and at the same time you shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Judge or Judges, all passes, sea-briefs, charter-parties, bills of lading, cockets, letters and other documents, and writings found on board, proving the said papers by the affidavit of yourself, or of some other person present at the capture, to be produced as they were received, without fraud, addition, subduction or embezzlement.

Seventh. You shall keep and preserve every ship or vessel and cargo by you taken, until they shall by sentence of a Court properly authorized, be adjudged lawful prize or acquitted, not selling, spoiling, wasting or diminishing the same, or breaking the bulk thereof, nor suffering any such thing to be done.

Eighth. If you or any of your officers or crew, shall in cold blood, kill or maim, or by torture or otherwise cruelly, inhumanly and contrary to common usage, and the practice of civilized nations in war, treat any person or persons surprised

in the ship or vessel you shall take, the offender shall be severely punished.

Ninth. You shall by all convenient opportunities, send to the Board of Admiralty, or Secretary of Marine, written accounts of the captures you shall make, with the numbers and names of the captives, and intelligence of what may occur, or be discovered, concerning the designs of the enemy, and the destinations, motions and operations of their fleets and armies.

Tenth. One third at least of your whole company shall be landsmen.

Eleventh. You shall not ransom or discharge any prisoners or captives; but you are to take the utmost care to bring them into port; and, if from necessity, you shall be obliged to dismiss any prisoners at sea, you shall on your return from your cruize, make report thereof on oath to the judge of the Admiralty of the State to which you belong, or in which you arrive, within twenty days after your arrival, with your reasons for such dismission; and you are to deliver, at your expence, or at the expence of your owners, the prisoners you shall bring into port, to a commissary of prisoners nearest the place of their landing, or into the nearest county goal.

Twelfth. You shall observe all such further instructions as shall hereafter be given by the United States in Congress assembled, when you shall have notice thereof.

Thirteenth. If you shall do anything contrary to these instructions, or to others hereafter to be given, or willingly suffer such thing to be done, you shall not only forfeit your commission, and be liable to an action for breach of the condition of our bond, but be responsible to the party grieved, for damages sustained by such malversation.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

## LIST OF PRIVATE ARMED VESSELS, TO WHOM COMMISSIONS WERE ISSUED BY THE STATE OF PENN'A.

[The following list does not include the Armed Vessels of the Navy whose muster rolls are heretofore given. Quite a number are, undoubtedly, one and the same vessel in commission different years with change of armament, and even a change of name.]

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1779, | Active, ..... | Brig, | Chas. Alexander, | .... | 40 | 14 |
| 1779, | Active, ..... | Brig, | J. Craig, ..... | .... | 18 | 10 |
| 1779, | Active, ..... | Brig, | Chas. Biddle, .. | .... | 24 | 7 |
| 1779, | Active. ..... | Brig, | P. Durey, ..... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1779, | Active (a), ..... | Sloop, | P. Day, ..... | .... | 60 | 14 |
| 1779, | Active, ..... | Sloop, | W. Green, ..... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1779, | Achilles, ..... | Brig, | T. Murdock, ... | .... | 30 | 12 |
| 1780, | Adventure, ..... | Brig, | J. Leamy, ..... | .... | 80 | 8 |
| 1779, | Adventure, ..... | Sch., | J. M'Cleave, ... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782, | Adventure, ..... | Sch., | M. Streny, ..... | .... | 9 | 4 |
| 1779, | Addition, ..... | Ship, | J. Spencer, ..... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1778, | Addition, ..... | Sch., | J. Craig, ..... | .... | 45 | 10 |
| 1780, | Adriana, ..... | Brig, | W. Miller, ..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1782, | Admiral Zoutman,. | Ship, | W. M'Fadden,.. | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1781, | Ajax, ..... | Brig, | J. Herr, ..... | .... | 23 | 8 |
| 1778, | America, ..... | Sloop, | J. Lightburn, .. | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782, | Amigos del Pays,.. | Brig, | J. De Arbulo, .. | .... | 12 | 12 |
| 1780, | Anne, ..... | Ship, | James Josiah,.. | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1782, | Antonelle, ..... | Brig, | W. Smith, ..... | .... | 21 | 8 |
| 1779, | Andrew Caldwell,.. | Ship, | Thos. Truxton,. | .... | 40 | 10 |
| 1781, | Anti-Traitor, ..... | Boat, | J. M'Pherson, .. | .... | 40 | 2 |
| 1779, | Argo, ..... | Brig, | M. Griffin, ..... | .... | 70 | 14 |
| 1780, | Ariel, ..... | Brig, | M. Lawler,..... | .... | 100 | 16 |
| 1781, | Ariel, ..... | Brig, | P. Miller,..... | .... | 14 | 10 |
| 1780, | Bachelor, ..... | Ship, | B. Gallaher,.... | .... | .... | 12 |
| 1779, | Beaver, ..... | Sch., | W. Harris,..... | .... | 65 | 12 |
| 1780, | Betsey, ..... | Sch., | J. Herr,..... | .... | 14 | 4 |
| 1778, | Betsey, ..... | Sch., | T. Ridge,..... | .... | 40 | 6 |

a. Captured the privateer Mercury Capt. Campbell, of eight guns.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1779, | Betsey, ..... | Sch., | R. Harris,..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1779, | Betsey, ..... | Sloop, | J. Allen,..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1781, | Betsey, ..... | Ship, | J. Burrows,..... | .... | 24 | 8 |
| 1778, | Betsey, ..... | Brig, | C. Bradley,..... | .... | 10 | 4 |
| 1781, | Betsey, ..... | Brig, | P. Cox,..... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1779, | Bishop, ..... | Sch., | R. Johns,..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1780, | Black Prince, ..... | Brig, | J. Robertson,... | .... | 34 | 12 |
| 1781, | Black Joke, ..... | Boat, | H. Willet,..... | .... | 20 | 1 |
| 1779, | Black Snake (b),.. | Sch., | J. Philips,..... | .... | 50 | 8 |
| 1782, | Black Snake, ..... | Boat. | D. Jenks,..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782, | Bloom, ..... | Sch., | Thos. Smith,... | .... | 25 | 6 |
| 1780, | Buckline, ..... | Sch., | B. Wickes,..... | .... | 16 | 6 |
| 1778, | Buckskin, ..... | Sch., | J. Young,..... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1782, | Burd, ..... | Brig, | W. Campbell,... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1779, | Cat, ..... | Sch., | E. Ledger, ..... | .... | 70 | 2 |
| 1779, | Carolina, ..... | Brig, | W. Willes, ..... | .... | 45 | 14 |
| 1782, | Carolina, ..... | Sloop, | T. Newell, ..... | .... | 72 | 16 |
| 1780, | Catharine, ..... | Sch., | A. Lambert,.... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1776, | Chance (a), ..... | Sloop, | Jas. Robertson,. | 30 | 34 | 6 |
| 1778, | Chance, ..... | Sloop, | D. Stevens, .... | .... | 40 | 2 |
| 1779, | Chance, ..... | Sch., | W. Gandal, .... | .... | 25 | 6 |
| 1780, | Chance, ..... | Sch., | N. Palmer, ..... | .... | 15 | 2 |
| 1779, | Chance, ..... | Boat, | R. Snell, ..... | .... | 30 | 2 |
| 1781, | Charming Amelia,. | Brig. | A. Hegney, .... | .... | 30 | 13 |
| 1781, | Charming Molly,.. | Brig, | J. Stilwell,..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1780, | Charming Polly,... | Ship, | A. Holmes, .... | .... | 20 | 18 |
| 1780, | Charming Polly,... | Brig, | A. Ogilvie,..... | .... | 25 | 6 |
| 1779, | Chevalier De La Luzerne, ..... | Ship, | T. Morris,..... | .... | 75 | 18 |
| 1779, | Chevalier De La Luzerne, ..... | Cut'r, | T. Parks,..... | .... | 85 | 14 |
| 1781, | Clinton, ..... | Boat, | W. Mariner,.... | .... | 15 | 3 |
| 1782, | Cogdill, ..... | Brig, | T. Tinker,..... | .... | 40 | 10 |

b. Captured by the enemy, but re-taken in April, 1780, by Capt. Mariner, of New Jersey, with nine men in a whale boat. Putting to sea with the prize, he captured the schooner Morning Star, of six swivels and thirty-three men.
a. July 2, 1776. Captured ship Lady Juliana in 1776.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1781, | Columbia, ..... | Ship, | W. Sergeant,... | .... | 80 | 18 |
| 1778, | Comet (b), ..... | Sloop, | C. Harris,..... | .... | 50 | 10 |
| 1779, | Comet, ..... | Sloop, | Stephen Decatur | .... | 45 | 10 |
| 1780, | Comet, ..... | Brig, | J. M'Carty,..... | .... | .... | 14 |
| 1782, | Commerce, (c), .... | Ship, | Thos. Truston,. | .... | 50 | 14 |
| 1780, | Commerce, ..... | Ship, | Paul Cox,..... | .... | 35 | 12 |
| 1778, | Commerce, ..... | Sloop, | F. Hodgson, ... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1781, | Commodore Galrez, | Brig, | M. Madan, ..... | .... | 35 | 8 |
| 1779. | Concord, ..... | Sch., | W. Strong, .... | .... | 25 | 6 |
| 1781, | Congress (d), ..... | Ship, | G. Geddis, ..... | .... | 200 | 24 |
| 1776, | Congress, ..... | Sloop, | G. M'Avoy, .... | .... | 45 | 6 |
| 1776, | Congress (e), ..... | Sloop, | Wm. Greenway, | 40 | 40 | 6 |
| 1776, | Congress (f), ..... | Sloop, | John Craig,.... | 70 | 30 | 6 |
| 1779, | Convention, ..... | Brig, | W. Allen, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1780, | Cornelia, ..... | Sloop, | J. Tanner, ..... | .... | 16 | 4 |
| 1776, | Cornet (g), ..... | Ship, | ..... | .... | .... | 24 |
| 1781, | Count De Grasse,.. | Brig, | J. Hall, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782, | Dandy, ..... | Brig, | J. Clifton, ..... | .... | 21 | 8 |
| 1781, | Dart, ..... | Brig, | T. Davis, ..... | .... | 36 | 12 |
| 1780, | Defence, ..... | Ship, | B. Wickes, .... | .... | 80 | 18 |
| 1779, | Defence, ..... | Ship, | C. Harrison, ... | .... | 40 | 16 |
| 1779, | Delaware, ..... | Brig, | J. Barry, ..... | .... | 45 | 10 |
| 1781, | Delaware, ..... | Ship, | J. Poole, ..... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1781, | Delaware, ..... | Sch., | W. Smith, ..... | .... | 10 | 2 |
| 1781, | Delight, ..... | Brig, | N. Past, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1776, | Despatch (h), ..... | Brig, | S. Cleveland, ... | .... | .... | ... |
| 1779, | Diana, ..... | Snow, | J. Castle, ..... | .... | 30 | 12 |

b. Captured eight sail out of a fleet of fifteen, off Sandy Hook, June 12, 1780.

c. At sea, December, 1782, engaged a brig of sixteen guns, seventy-five men, and schooner of fourteen guns, eighty men, when a frigate heaving in sight, hauled off, with one killed and two wounded; the enemy's loss being fourteen killed and twenty-four wounded.

d. September 6, 1781, off Charleston, captured the British ship Savage, Captain Stirling, of twenty guns, one hundred and fifty men, after a severe action of two hours, in which the Congress lost thirty men in killed and wounded, and the enemy twenty-five killed, including their Captain and thirty-one wounded. The Savage, however, was re-captured by a British frigate and taken into Charleston.

e. October 3, 1776

f. June 17, 1776. Captured the ship Oxford with two hundred and twenty men, which was re-taken from the prize crew and subsequently re-captured.

g. Off St. Kitts, engaged a British armed ship for three hours, when the latter hauled off with loss of mizenmast, &c.

h. Captured a schooner on the passage to France, for an armament.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1781, | Diana, ..... | Brig, | H. Hawkins, ... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1781, | Dolphin, ..... | Brig, | J. Brice, ..... | .... | 10 | 10 |
| 1781, | Dolphin, ..... | Ship, | J. Forbes, ..... | .... | 40 | 10 |
| 1781, | Dolphin, ..... | Sch., | J. Walsh, ..... | .... | 11 | 6 |
| 1780, | Dolphin, ..... | Sch., | W. Chappel, ... | .... | 18 | 8 |
| 1781, | Dolphin, ..... | Sloop, | J. Dehart, ..... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1779, | Dolphin, ..... | Sloop, | J. Smith, ..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1781, | Don Francisco, ... | Brig, | H. Wilson, .... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1782, | Don Quixote, ..... | Sch., | J. Burrowes, ... | .... | 16 | 6 |
| 1779, | Dove, ..... | Sch., | E. Seiger, ..... | .... | 12 | 2 |
| 1781, | Dreadnaught, ..... | Boat, | A. Durnell, .... | .... | 40 | 2 |
| 1779, | Eagle, ..... | Brig, | J. Ashmead, ... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1781, | Eagle, ..... | Sch., | J. Starr, ..... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1782, | Eliza, ..... | Sch., | J. Vicury, ..... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1782, | Eliza, ..... | Sch., | W. Leeds,..... | .... | 40 | 8 |
| 1778, | Elizabeth, ..... | Sloop, | Chas. Alexander | .... | 30 | 12 |
| 1780, | Elizabeth, ..... | Brig, | G. M'Avoy, .... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1776, | Enterprise, ..... | Brig, | J. Dwight, ..... | .... | 25 | 22 |
| 1778, | Enterprise, ..... | Brig, | J. Day, ..... | .... | 80 | 12 |
| 1780, | Enterprise, ..... | Sch., | Rufus Gardner,. | .... | 70 | 12 |
| 1779, | Experiment, ..... | Sch., | N. Sage, ..... | .... | 80 | 12 |
| 1780, | Experiment, ..... | Ship, | J. Winning, ... | .... | 45 | 20 |
| 1781, | Experiment, ..... | Boat, | W. Brice, ..... | .... | 24 | 4 |
| 1780, | Fair America, .... | Brig, | Stephen Decatur | .... | 130 | 16 |
| 1781, | Fair America, ..... | Brig, | P. Eldridge, ... | .... | 110 | 16 |
| 1782, | Fair Play, ..... | Sch., | S. Lee, ..... | .... | 30 | 6 |
| 1782, | Fame, ..... | Ship, | J. M'Clenahan,. | .... | 30 | 2 |
| 1781, | Fame, ..... | Brig, | J. Gensell, ..... | .... | 70 | 16 |
| 1780, | Fame, ..... | Brig, | N. Smith, ..... | .... | 60 | 10 |
| 1781, | Fame, ..... | Brig, | J. Taylor, ..... | .... | 40 | 9 |
| 1779, | Fame, ..... | Sch., | G. Curwin, ..... | .... | 15 | 4 |
| 1781, | Fame, ..... | Sch., | D. Campbell,... | .... | 14 | 6 |
| 1781, | Fanny, ..... | Brig, | S. Bullfinch,.... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1781, | Favorite, ..... | Brig, | J. Buddington, . | .... | 75 | 14 |
| 1781, | Favorite, ..... | Ship, | N. Sargent, .... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1780, | Fayette, ..... | Brig, | R. Shewell, .... | .... | 60 | 14 |
| 1780, | Fayette, ..... | Brig, | Saml. Davidson. | .... | 60 | 18 |

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1781, | Felicity, ..... | Sch., | P. Wing, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1781, | Financier, ..... | Brig, | J. Harr, ..... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1779, | Flora, ..... | Ship, | W. Brewster, .. | .... | 75 | 16 |
| 1781, | Flora, ..... | Ship, | H. Lyle, ..... | .... | 30 | 12 |
| 1778, | Fly, ..... | Sch., | M. Smith, ..... | .... | 20 | 11 |
| 1779, | Fly, ..... | Sch., | ——— Davis, .. | .... | 30 | 6 |
| 1781, | Fly, ..... | Boat, | F. Duclas, ..... | .... | 12 | 4 |
| 1782, | Flying Fish, ..... | Boat, | Z. Goforth, ..... | .... | 12 | 3 |
| 1781, | Fortunate, ..... | Sch., | M. Bortar, ..... | .... | 45 | 4 |
| 1781, | Fox, ..... | Brig, | T. Steel, ..... | .... | 32 | 10 |
| 1782, | Fox, ..... | Brig, | M. Collins, .... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1780, | Fox, ..... | Cut'r, | M. Macomber, . | .... | 45 | 2 |
| 1781, | Franklin, ..... | Ship, | J. Angus, ..... | .... | 90 | 18 |
| 1782, | Franklin, ..... | Sch., | S. Cox, ..... | .... | 15 | 4 |
| 1781, | Friends' Good Will, | Brig, | W. Leith, ..... | .... | 18 | 2 |
| 1778, | Friendship, ..... | Ship, | J. Gourley, .... | .... | 45 | 14 |
| 1776, | Friendship (a), ... | Sloop, | Robt. Collings,.. | 30 | 20 | 6 |
| 1780, | Friendship, ..... | Brig, | J. Ball, ..... | .... | 40 | 12 |
| 1781, | Friendship, ..... | Sch., | J. Babcock, .... | .... | 25 | 4 |
| 1781, | Friendship, ..... | Boat, | H. Murfit, ..... | .... | 18 | 1 |
| 1781, | Friendship, ..... | Brig, | J. Elwell, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1779, | Friendship, ..... | Sloop, | J. Ball, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1779, | Garnet, ..... | Sloop, | W. Rudder, .... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1779, | Gates, ..... | Sloop, | Thomas Sage, .. | .... | 40 | 8 |
| 1781, | Geneva, ..... | Brig, | F. Finley, ..... | .... | 45 | 14 |
| 1776, | General Lee (a), .. | Brig, | John Chatham,. | 100 | 90 | 12 |
| 1781, | General Galvez, .. | Brig, | J. Vivkry, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1780, | General Green, .... | Ship, | W. Burke, ..... | .... | 45 | 16 |
| 1779, | General Green (b), | Ship, | Jas. Montgomery, ..... | .... | 40 | 14 |
| 1782, | General Green,.... | Ship, | H. Freeman, ... | .... | 45 | 10 |
| 1779, | General Maxwell,.. | Sch., | M. Griffin,..... | .... | 50 | 10 |
| 1776, | General Mifflin, (c), | Brig, | John Hamilton,. | .... | 90 | 12 |

a. November 13, 1776.
a. October 3, 1776.
b. June, 1779, captured a British ship.
c. August 27, 1776.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1776, | Gen. Montgomery d | Brig, | Jas. Montgomery, ..... | .... | 100 | 12 |
| 1779, | General Reed, ..... | Brig, | H. Stocker, .... | .... | 80 | 16 |
| 1779, | General Reed, ..... | Brig, | Sam'l Davidson, | .... | 120 | 16 |
| 1781, | General Scannel, .. | Sch., | G. Hall, ..... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1780, | General Scott, .... | Sch., | W. Nichols, .... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1777, | General Smallwood | Sch., | J. Rodgers, .... | .... | 10 | 4 |
| 1776, | Gen. Thompson (e), | Sch., | Will'm Connell, | 40 | 12 | 6 |
| 1776, | General Putnam (f), | Brig, | Chas. Ferguson, | .... | 90 | 12 |
| 1782, | Gen.Washington (g) | Ship, | Joshua Barney,. | 250 | 120 | 18 |
| 1779, | Gen.Washington,.. | Ship, | S. Walker, .... | .... | 60 | 18 |
| 1780, | General Wayne, .. | Brig, | B. Newton, .... | .... | 60 | 12 |
| 1779, | General Wayne, .. | Zebec, | Robert Collings, | .... | 70 | 3 |
| 1779, | George, ..... | Brig, | J. Montgomery,. | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1780, | George, ..... | Brig, | J. M'Cullough,.. | .... | 75 | 14 |
| 1782, | George, ..... | Brig, | R. French,..... | .... | 16 | 6 |
| 1781, | George, ..... | Brig, | W. Campbell, .. | .... | 50 | 10 |
| 1782, | George, ..... | Ship, | George Curwin,. | .... | 45 | 14 |
| 1778, | George (h), ..... | Sch., | Daniel Hand, .. | .... | .... | ... |
| 1777, | Gerrard, ..... | Brig, | James Josiah,.. | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1779, | Gerrard, ..... | Sloop, | Henry Bunner,. | .... | 25 | 6 |
| 1781, | Good Intent, ..... | Sch., | ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1780, | Governor Clinton,. | Brig, | J. Vansise, ..... | .... | 18 | 8 |
| 1781, | Governor De Graff, | Brig, | H. Lisle, ..... | .... | 100 | 20 |
| 1781, | Gov'r Livingston,.. | Sch., | M. Griffith, .... | .... | 14 | 4 |
| 1782, | Governor Moore, .. | Sch., | D. Thompson, .. | .... | 10 | 8 |
| 1782, | Green, ..... | Sch., | S. Dayton, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1780, | Grey Hound, ..... | Sch., | J. Kemp, ..... | .... | .... | 10 |
| 1780, | Gustavus, ..... | Brig, | George Fleming, | .... | 51 | 2 |
| 1776, | Hancock (i), .. | Sch., | W. Newman, .. | .... | 80 | 12 |

d. August 28, 1776. October following, captured the British ship Thetis with a cargo of rum and sugar, out of a fleet of one hundred sail.
e. October 5, 1776.
f. August 27, 1776.
g. May 16, 1782.
h. May 26, 1780
i. In July 1776, the Hancock captured the British ship Reward of fourteen guns, and the ship Nancy, with passengers and a cargo of rum and sugar. In August following, the ship Nelly Frigate six guns, cargo of logwood, and brig Polly, cargo of rum and sugar, In October, the brig Lively, cargo of rum and sugar, and sloop Industry, similar cargo. In November, the brig Necessity, cargo of dry goods.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1782, | Hancock, ..... | Sch., | W. Finch, ..... | .... | 14 | 6 |
| 1781, | Hannah, ..... | Brig, | H. Fisher, ..... | .... | 16 | 10 |
| 1782, | Hannah, ..... | Ship, | H. Hawkins, ... | .... | 18 | 6 |
| 1778, | Hannah and Sally, | Sch., | S. Salmer, ..... | .... | 6 | 1 |
| 1781, | Happy Return, .... | Sch., | P. Marquar, ... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1781, | Harford, ..... | Sch., | J. Walters, .... | .... | 35 | 14 |
| 1779, | Harlequin, ..... | Sloop, | J. Hard, ..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1782, | Harlequin, ..... | Sch., | J. Earle, ..... | .... | 16 | 4 |
| 1780, | Havana, ..... | Sch., | P. Young, ..... | .... | 17 | 6 |
| 1781, | Havana, ..... | Sch., | A. Stockholm,.. | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1779, | Hawk, ..... | Sch., | E. Stillwell,.... | .... | 50 | ... |
| 1780, | Hawk, ..... | Brig, | J. Clifton, ..... | .... | 31 | 6 |
| 1779, | Hazard, ..... | Sch., | H. Perkins, .... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1780, | Hazard, ..... | Cut'r, | H. Anthony, ... | .... | 45 | 1 |
| 1780, | Hector, ..... | Brig, | Leelover, ..... | .... | 70 | 12 |
| 1780, | Hetty, ..... | Ship, | J. Brice, ..... | .... | 110 | 20 |
| 1779, | Hetty, ..... | Ship, | James Josiah,.. | .... | 50 | 18 |
| 1779, | Hetty, ..... | Brig, | S. Houston, .... | .... | 50 | 16 |
| 1780, | Hetty, ..... | Brig, | Saml. Davidson, | .... | 40 | 14 |
| 1779, | Hibernia, ..... | Brig, | R. Collings, .... | .... | 35 | 14 |
| 1779, | Hibernia, ..... | Brig, | J. Burrowes, ... | .... | 35 | 11 |
| 1779, | Hibernia (a), ..... | Brig, | J. Angus, ..... | .... | 40 | 10 |
| 1780, | Hibernia, ..... | Brig, | J. Brice, ..... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1781, | Hibernia, ..... | Brig, | J. Baxter, ..... | .... | 14 | 4 |
| 1779, | Holker (b), ..... | Brig, | M. Lawler, .... | .... | 100 | 16 |
| 1780, | Holker, ..... | Sloop, | D. Stevens, .... | .... | 50 | 18 |
| 1782, | Holker, ..... | Brig, | J. Queenland, .. | .... | 130 | 16 |
| 1779, | Holker (c), ..... | Brig, | Geo. Geddis, ... | .... | 35 | 10 |

a. Capt Angus, in a voyage to Teneriffe, beat off a snow of sixteen guns, and afterwards two armed schooner and a sloop, with a loss of two killed and eight wounded.

b. April, 1779, at sea, the Holker captured a schooner of ten guns and forty men, and two armed sloops. In July following, captured a brig of sixteen guns, after an action of one hour and a half, and the loss of six killed, the Captain, First Lieutenant, and fourteen wounded. The enemy had six killed and twenty wounded.

c. In June, 1779, captured the ship Diana, having on board eighty cannon, sixty swivels, ten cohorns, &c. In August, captured three brigs, with cargoes of rum and sugar, one of which was wrecked on Cape May; also captured a sloop of six guns, cargo of dry goods.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1778, | Holker (d), ..... | Brig, | R. Kean, ..... | .... | 120 | 16 |
| 1781, | Hooker, ..... | Boat, | H. Martin, ..... | .... | 35 | 2 |
| 1781, | Hope, ..... | Ship, | W. Hayman, .. | .... | 50 | 16 |
| 1781, | Hope, ..... | Ship, | J. Fleming, .... | .... | 18 | 18 |
| 1782, | Hope, ..... | Ship, | E. North, ..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1779, | Hope, ..... | Sch., | T. Ward, ..... | .... | 30 | 6 |
| 1778. | Hope, ..... | Sloop, | George Geddis,. | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1779, | Hornet, ..... | Sch., | —— Pendleton,. | .... | 15 | 4 |
| 1779, | Hornet, ..... | Sch., | C. Gleason, .... | .... | 45 | 8 |
| 1780. | Hornet, ..... | Sloop, | Wm. More, .... | .... | 30 | 6 |
| 1779, | Hornet, ..... | Sloop, | A. Davis, ..... | .... | 45 | 8 |
| 1779, | Humming Bird, .. | Sch., | John Hennessy, | .... | 16 | 6 |
| 1781, | Hunter, ..... | Ship, | S. Sage, ..... | .... | 120 | 18 |
| 1781 | Hunter, ..... | Sch., | M. Tibbs, ..... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1780, | Huntingdon, ..... | Brig, | J. Stilwell, ..... | .... | 35 | 8 |
| 1780, | Huntingdon, ..... | Brig, | G. Colton, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782 | Hyder Ally (e), .... | Ship, | Josh. Barney, U. S., ..... | .... | 110 | 16 |
| 1782, | Hyder Ally, ..... | Ship, | J. Starr, ..... | .... | 100 | 16 |
| 1779, | Impertinent, ..... | Brig, | J. Young, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1779, | Impertinent, ..... | Brig, | A. Henderson,.. | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1777. | Impromptu, ..... | Brig, | J. Peand, ..... | .... | 14 | 4 |
| 1777, | Independence (a),.. | Ship, | Thos. Truxton,. | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1778, | Independence, .... | Sloop, | C. Clunn, ..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| .... | Industry (b), ..... | Brig, | Michael Barstow | 100 | 25 | 10 |
| 1778, | Industry, ..... | Brig, | George Curwin,. | .... | 40 | 16 |
| 1779, | Industry, ..... | Brig, | M. Collins, .... | .... | 40 | 16 |
| 1781, | Industry, ..... | Brig, | J. M'Clellan, ... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1782, | Industry, ..... | Brig, | S. Young, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |

d. In February, 1781, Capt. Kean captured the British cutter Hypocrite, of sixteen guns, after an action of fifteen minutes, and a loss of three killed and one wounded. The cutter lost four killed and seven wounded. In 1782, engaged ship Experiment, with eighteen guns, in the West Indies, but another privateer appearing, the Experiment hauled off.

e April 8, 1782, in the Delaware Bay, the Hyder Ally engaged and captured the Gen. Monk, of twenty guns and 136 men, Capt. Rogus, after one of the best fought actions on record, with a loss of four killed and eleven wounded on the Hyder Ally, and twenty killed and thirty-three wounded on board the Gen. Monk. The guns of the former were six pounders, while those of the latter were nine pounders.

a. July 6, 1779, captured the British ship Harlem of fourteen guns and eighty-five men at sea, she having thrown her guns overboard in the chase; her Captain and boat's crew escaped in a boat that subsequently upset and were lost.

b. November 29, 1776.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1778, | Industry, ..... | Sch., | N. Vallena, .... | .... | 20 | 2 |
| 1781, | Industry, ..... | Sch., | J. Pickering, .. | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1780, | Industry, ..... | Sloop, | J. Burrowes, ... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1779, | Industry, ..... | Sloop, | J. Griffith, ..... | .... | 8 | 4 |
| 1779, | Jackall, ..... | Sch., | W. M'Pherson,. | .... | 60 | 2 |
| 1779, | Jackall, ..... | Sch., | W. Barton, ..... | .... | 70 | 2 |
| 1777, | James (c), ..... | Brig, | Ste'n J. Raguet, | 80 | 80 | 10 |
| 1780, | James, ..... | Brig, | J. Armitage, .. | .... | 30 | 6 |
| 1781, | James, ..... | Brig, | H. Fisher, ..... | .... | 14 | 4 |
| 1782, | James, ..... | Sch., | S. Williams,.... | .... | 15 | 4 |
| 1780, | Jane, ..... | Ship, | W. Wells, ..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1781, | Jane, ..... | Sloop, | J. DeHart, ..... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1781, | Jane, ..... | Sloop, | S. Young, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | Jason, ..... | Brig, | J. Wright, ..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1779, | Jay (d), ..... | Sch., | H. Courter, .... | .... | 100 | 18 |
| 1781, | Joanna, ..... | Brig, | W. Tanner, .... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1781, | John, ..... | Sch., | S. Tinker, ..... | .... | 12 | 4 |
| 1782, | Jolly Robin, ..... | Sch., | T. Sheffield,.... | .... | 25 | 4 |
| 1781, | Jolly Tar, ..... | Brig, | D. Thompson, .. | .... | 24 | 8 |
| 1781, | Joshua Maria, .... | Brig, | T. Perrine, .... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1781, | Juno, ..... | Ship, | W. Smith, ..... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1781, | Juno, ..... | Brig, | P. Day, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1780, | Juno, ..... | Brig, | D. Campbell,... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1776, | Jupiter (e), ..... | Sloop, | F. Illingsworth, | 80 | 95 | 14 |
| 1779, | Kensington, ..... | Brig, | S. Smith, ..... | .... | 65 | 14 |
| 1781, | Kensington, ..... | Brig, | J. Digg, ..... | .... | 24 | 14 |
| 1781, | King of France, ... | Boat, | F. Duclas, ..... | .... | 20 | 1 |
| 1780, | Kitty, ..... | Boat, | E. Tucker,..... | .... | 10 | 1 |
| 1781, | Kitty Meade, ..... | Sch., | W. Paul, ..... | .... | 15 | 7 |
| 1780, | La Prarie, ..... | Brig, | A. Bonamy,.... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1778, | Lady Gates, ..... | Brig, | J. M'Nachtine,.. | .... | 40 | 21 |
| 1779, | Lady Gates, ..... | Brig, | J. Parker, ..... | .... | 35 | 8 |
| 1776, | Lady Washington,. | Gal'y, | J. Warner..... | .... | 50 | 2 |
| 1779, | Lady Washington f | Ship, | S. Young, ..... | .... | 60 | 16 |

c. August 30. 1777.
d. August. 1779. captured brig Pitt, loaded with rum and sugar.
e. September 11. 1776.
f. Captured by the British frigate Roebuck. December, 1779, on her passage to France, with a cargo of tobacco.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1782, | Lethe, ..... | Ship, | T. Emerson, .. | ... | 56 | 12 |
| 1780, | Liberty, ..... | Brig, | J. Stillwell, ... | .... | 35 | 6 |
| 1779, | Liberty, ..... | Brig, | C. Clunn, ..... | .... | 35 | 12 |
| 1780, | Liberty, ..... | Sch., | J. Sanson, ..... | .... | 12 | 5 |
| 1780, | Liberty, ..... | Sloop, | T. Warner, .... | .... | 8 | 4 |
| 1779, | Little Molly, ..... | Sch., | Uriah Smith, .. | .... | 10 | 6 |
| 1780, | Little Molly, ..... | Sch., | S. Bull, ..... | .... | 20 | 2 |
| 1779, | Lively, ..... | Brig, | J. Belt, ..... | .... | 35 | 14 |
| 1779, | Livingston, ..... | Sloop, | S. White, ..... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1780, | Livingston, ..... | Sch., | J. Kelly, ..... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1782, | Lovely Sally, ..... | Brig, | N. Vallance, .... | .... | 45 | 12 |
| 1781, | Luck and Fortune, | Boat, | E. Willis,..... | .... | 20 | 1 |
| 1782, | Lydia ..... | Sch., | P. DeRussy, ..... | .... | 18 | 4 |
| 1779, | Macaroni (a), ..... | Brig, | D. Keybold, .... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | M. DeLafayette, .. | Ship, | N. Vallance, .... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1780, | Marbois, ..... | Brig, | R. Havins, .... | .... | 85 | 16 |
| 1778, | Mars, ..... | Brig, | N. Vallance, .... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1779, | Mars (b), ..... | Brig, | Y. Taylor, .... | .... | 60 | 14 |
| 1779, | Mars, ..... | Sch., | P. Smith, ..... | .... | 35 | 8 |
| 1779, | Mars, ..... | Sloop, | ..... | .... | 25 | 6 |
| .... | Mars (c), ..... | Sch., | Morris Copper,. | .... | ..... | |
| 1779, | Mariah, ..... | Sloop, | J. Lord, ..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1778, | Maryand Elizabeth | Ship, | B. Weeks, .... | .... | 50 | 14 |
| 1781, | Matilda, ..... | Brig, | G. Currie, .... | .... | 16 | 4 |
| 1781, | May Flower, ..... | Sch., | J. Simmons,.... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1782, | May Flower, ..... | Sch., | M. Collins, .... | .... | 16 | 4 |
| 1781, | M'Clanahan, ..... | Brig, | J. Houston, .... | .... | 25 | 6 |
| 1779, | Mentor, ..... | Sch., | M. Tryon, .... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | Mercury, ..... | Brig, | T. Palmer, .... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | Merlin, ..... | Brig, | J. Hill, ..... | .... | 40 | 12 |
| 1780, | Minerva, ..... | Brig, | J. Douglass,.... | .... | 20 | 5 |
| 1781, | Minerva, ..... | Ship, | J. Earle, ..... | .... | 80 | 10 |

a. July, 1779, captured a brig and two schooners.

b. In August, 1779, captured the sloop Active, of twelve guns, Capt. Irwin, by boarding. The Active lost her First Lieutenant and Steward. The Mars subsequently captured the brig Polly, having on board two hundred and fourteen Hessians, and a Snow, of fourteen guns and 45 men, off Sandy Hook. The latter was re-captured next day.

c. May 31, 1776.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1778, | Minerva (d), ..... | Ship, | J. Angus, ..... | .... | 60 | 18 |
| 1779, | Minerva, ..... | Sch., | H. Helm, ..... | .... | 60 | 12 |
| 1781, | Molly, ..... | Brig, | J. Ashmead, ... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | Morning Star, ..... | Ship | T. Simmons, .. | .... | 100 | 18 |
| 1780, | Morning Star, .... | Brig, | J. Johnson, .... | .... | 35 | 10 |
| 1781, | Morris, ..... | Ship, | T. Mesnard, ... | .... | 40 | 8 |
| 1776, | Nancy (e), ..... | Brig, | —— Montgomery, ..... | .... | 11 | 6 |
| 1778, | Nancy, ..... | Sch., | R. Bethel, ..... | .... | 10 | 4 |
| 1779, | Nancy, ..... | Sloop, | M. Tryon, ..... | .... | 6 | 4 |
| 1781, | Nancy, ..... | Brig, | P. Young, ..... | .... | 29 | 8 |
| 1781, | Nansemund, ..... | Sch., | G. Hart, ..... | .... | 14 | 6 |
| 1781, | Navarro, ..... | Brig, | W. Sutton, ..... | .... | 40 | 10 |
| 1780, | Neptune, ..... | Brig, | A Young, ..... | .... | 90 | 14 |
| 1779, | Neptune, ..... | Brig, | D. Darby,..... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1780, | Neptune, ..... | Brig, | J. Allen, ..... | .... | 20 | 10 |
| 1781, | Neptune, ..... | Sch., | H. Hawkins, .. | .... | 14 | 6 |
| 1780, | Neptune, ..... | Sch., | W. Davidson,.. | .... | 14 | 8 |
| 1779, | Nesbitt, ..... | Sch., | J. Green, ..... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1781, | Nesbitt, ..... | Sch., | N. Martin, .... | .... | 30 | 14 |
| 1778, | New Comet, ..... | Sloop, | H. Hughes, .... | .... | 25 | 6 |
| 1782, | Nimrod, ..... | Sch., | S. Dean, ..... | .... | 18 | 6 |
| 1781, | Nonsuch, ..... | Ship, | C. Wells, ..... | .... | 55 | 18 |
| 1781, | Nymph, ..... | Brig, | P. Braimant, .. | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | Olive Branch, ..... | Brig, | George Cotton,. | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1779, | Page, ..... | Sloop, | T. Palmer,..... | .... | 16 | 6 |
| 1770, | Page, ..... | Sch., | J. Kemp, ..... | .... | 50 | 12 |
| 1781, | Patty, ..... | Brig, | T. Read, ..... | .... | 40 | 12 |
| 1781, | Patty, ..... | Brig, | F. Knox, ..... | .... | 19 | 6 |
| 1779, | Patty, ..... | Sloop, | J. Sloan, ..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1781, | Patty, ..... | Ship, | M. Strong, ..... | .... | 40 | 12 |
| 1781, | Patty and Polly,... | Brig, | F. Knox, ..... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1780, | Peggy, ..... | Brig, | J. Bradford, ... | .... | 15 | 8 |

d. In 1778, captured a schooner.

e. June 29, 1776, was chased on shore off Cape Henry, and boarded by the enemy, when she blew up. The crew and a portion of the cargo had been previously removed.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1779, | Peggy, ..... | Brig, | S. Martin, ..... | .... | 15 | 8 |
| 1778, | Perseverance, ..... | Sch., | J. M'Pherson, .. | .... | 150 | 2 |
| 1781, | Phenix, ..... | Brig, | E. Newlan, .... | .... | 15 | 8 |
| 1781, | Philadelphia, ..... | Ship, | M. Lawlor, .... | .... | 35 | 10 |
| 1781, | Raccoon, ..... | Sch., | T. Rice, ..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1779, | Rambler, ..... | Sch., | J. M'Fatridge,.. | .... | 10 | 4 |
| 1781, | Rambler, ..... | Brig, | J. Derry, ..... | .... | 60 | 10 |
| 1776, | Ranger, ..... | Snow, | P. Dennis, ..... | .... | .... | ... |
| 1776, | Ranger (a), ..... | Snow, | ——— Hudson,. | .... | .... | ... |
| 1779, | Ranger, ..... | Brig, | W. Ely, ..... | .... | 15 | 1 |
| 1780, | Ranger, ..... | Brig, | N. Hazzard, ... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1779, | Ranger, ..... | Sloop, | J. Warden, .... | .... | 30 | 12 |
| 1779, | Ranger, ..... | Sloop, | H. Montgomery, | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1780, | Ranger, ..... | Sloop, | J. Hunter, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | Rattlesnake, ..... | Sch., | J. Craig, ..... | .... | 45 | 6 |
| 1779, | Rattlesnake, ..... | Sch., | J. Mansfield, ... | .... | 35 | 8 |
| 1779, | Rattlesnake, ..... | Sch., | G. Bell, ..... | .... | 35 | 6 |
| 1778. | Rebecca, ..... | Sch., | J. Martin, ..... | .... | 15 | 8 |
| 1779, | Rebecca, ..... | Brig, | J. Chatham, ... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1779, | Rebecca, ..... | Brig, | J. Manners, ... | .... | 12 | 4 |
| 1781, | Rebecca, ..... | Brig, | J. Miller, ..... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1779, | Recovery, ..... | Sch., | W. Dunlap, .... | .... | 14 | 4 |
| 1781, | Recovery, ..... | Boat, | G. Shadwick, .. | .... | 25 | 1 |
| 1782, | Renown, ..... | Sch., | H. Wilson, .... | .... | 27 | 6 |
| 1779, | Retaliation, ..... | Brig, | P. Hollock, .... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1780, | Retaliation, ..... | Sch., | H. Baker, ..... | .... | 15 | 1 |
| 1779, | Retaliation, ..... | Sloop | C. Whittlesey,.. | .... | 50 | 10 |
| 1779, | Retaliation, ..... | Gal'y, | Step'n Decatur,. | .... | 50 | 6 |
| 1779, | Retrieve, ..... | Sloop, | W. Saul, ..... | .... | 18 | 6 |
| 1776, | Revenge, ..... | Boat, | A. Swaine, ..... | .... | 25 | 1 |
| 1779, | Revolution, ..... | Ship, | J. M'Naughtane, | .... | 130 | 26 |
| 1781, | Revolution, ..... | Ship, | J. M'Naughtane, | .... | 60 | 20 |
| 1781, | Richmond, ..... | Brig, | J. Cummings, .. | .... | 50 | 12 |
| 1781, | Rising Sun, ..... | Ship, | Samuel Cassin,. | .... | 130 | 20 |
| 1781, | Rising Sun, ..... | Ship, | Step'n Decatur,. | .... | 45 | 13 |

a. May, 1776, captured two ships with military stores.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1781, | Robust, ..... | Sch., | J. Tucker,..... | .... | 25 | 12 |
| 1782, | Romulus, ..... | Brig, | T. Palfrey, ..... | .... | 20 | 14 |
| 1780, | Rose, ..... | Brig, | T. Craig, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782, | Rose, ..... | Ship, | T. Mesnard, ..... | .... | 40 | 4 |
| 1781, | Royal Louis (b), .. | Ship, | Step'n Decatur,.. | .... | 200 | 22 |
| 1777, | Rutledge (c), ..... | Brig, | James Smith,.. | 120 | 60 | 12 |
| 1778, | Salem, ..... | Sloop, | J. Stilwell, ..... | .... | 25 | 0 |
| 1782, | Salmon, ..... | Sch., | P. Hollock, ..... | .... | 16 | 4 |
| 1776, | Sachem, ..... | Sloop. | Isaiah Robinson ..... | | | |
| 1779, | Sally, ..... | Brig, | J. Armetage, ..... | | 30 | 14 |
| 1782, | Sally, ..... | Brig, | J. Fleming, ..... | .... | 20 | 12 |
| 1780, | Sally, ..... | Sch., | N. Smith, ..... | .... | 10 | 2 |
| 1779, | Samuel, ..... | Brig, | J. Buckley, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1781, | Schuylkill, ..... | Brig, | J. Louder, ..... | .... | 36 | 10 |
| 1781, | Schuylkill, ..... | Brig, | J. Burrows, ..... | .... | 35 | 8 |
| 1781, | Sea Flower, ..... | Sch., | W. Breden, ..... | .... | 12 | 6 |
| 1776, | Security (a), ..... | Sch., | John Hunn, ... | 30 | 11 | 8 |
| 1781, | Seignora Bernardo, | Sloop, | J. Turner,..... | .... | 15 | 5 |
| 1776, | Speedwell (b), ..... | Ship, | Thomas Bell, .. | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1779, | Speedwell, ..... | Brig, | J. Walters, ..... | .... | 15 | 4 |
| 1779, | Speedwell, ..... | Sch., | J. Magee, ..... | .... | 10 | 2 |
| 1776, | Spitfire (c), ..... | Gal., | ——— Grimes,.. | .... | 50 | 2 |
| 1781, | Spitfire, ..... | Brig, | H. White, ..... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1781, | Spy, ..... | Boat, | D. M'Cullough,. | .... | 14 | 5 |
| 1780, | St. Clair, ..... | Ship, | G. Curwin, ..... | .... | 80 | 18 |
| 1782, | St. Helen, ..... | Ship, | A. Stillwell, ..... | .... | 60 | 10 |
| 1781, | St. James (d), ..... | Ship, | Thos. Truxton,.. | .... | 100 | 20 |
| 1782, | St. James, ..... | Ship, | A. Cam, ..... | .... | 100 | 20 |
| 1778, | St. John, ..... | Sch., | J. Rice, ..... | .... | 45 | 10 |
| 1778, | St. John, ..... | Sch., | M. Strong, ..... | .... | 12 | 9 |

b. July 1781, captured the British sloop of war Active.
c. [October 11, 1776.]
a. July 2, 1776.
b. November 13, 1776.
c. On August 3, 1776, in the attack upon the British ships Rose and Phœnix, in the North river, the Spitfire lost one killed and three wounded.
d. The St. James, on her passage to France with Thomas Barclay, Consul General, had a drawn battle with a ship reported to carry twenty-six guns, which had been sent from New York to capture her. Her Third Lieutenant, William Innis, was subsequently Secretary of the Navy.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1782, | St. Nepomeceni, .. | Brig, | W. Paul, ..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1781, | St. Patrick, ..... | Brig, | Robert Collings, | .... | 50 | 16 |
| 1776, | Sturdy Beggar, ... | Ship, | ——— Rowland, | .... | 60 | 20 |
| 1782, | Suffolk, ..... | Boat, | E. Drayton, .... | .... | 9 | 1 |
| 1780, | Surprise, ..... | Sch., | J. Paine, ..... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1778, | Susannah, ..... | Sloop, | H. Stocker, .... | .... | 45 | 10 |
| 1778, | Susannah, ..... | Sloop, | C. Clunn, ..... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1779, | Susannah, ..... | Brig, | G. Fleming, .... | .... | 25 | 8 |
| 1779, | Swift, ..... | Cut'r, | D. Welsh, ..... | .... | 60 | 10 |
| 1779, | Tartar, ..... | Sch., | J. Craig, ..... | .... | 30 | 6 |
| 1781, | Tartar, ..... | Boat, | S. Hammer, ... | .... | 27 | 1 |
| 1780, | Telegraph, ..... | Ship, | A. Holmes, ..... | .... | 120 | 18 |
| 1779, | Terrible (e), ..... | Sch., | J. Baker, ..... | .... | 14 | 4 |
| 1779, | Thetis, ..... | Sch., | G. Gregg, ..... | .... | 14 | 6 |
| 1776, | Three Friends, ... | Brig, | D. Jackson, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1779, | Tiger, ..... | Sloop, | W. Parkinson,.. | .... | 70 | 2 |
| 1781, | Talten, ..... | Brig, | T. Blundell, ... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1781, | Trimmer, ..... | Boat, | J. Earle, ..... | .... | 10 | 1 |
| 1781, | Tristam Shandy, .. | Brig, | S. Williams, ... | .... | 13 | 6 |
| 1781, | Trojan, ..... | Sch., | J. Fanning, .... | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1782, | Trooper, ..... | Brig, | S. Howe, ..... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1780, | Trooper, ..... | Ship, | W. Sutter, ..... | .... | 50 | 14 |
| 1779, | True Blue, ..... | Sch., | W. Willis, ..... | .... | 30 | 10 |
| 1779, | Tryall, ..... | Sch., | J. Baxter, ..... | .... | 10 | 4 |
| 1779, | Tryall, ..... | Sch., | J. Bussington,.. | .... | 15 | 6 |
| 1781, | Two Esthers, ..... | Sch., | J. Bryan, ..... | .... | 35 | 10 |
| 1779, | Two Friends, ..... | Sch., | H. Smith, ..... | .... | 12 | 2 |
| 1781, | Two Friends, ..... | Sloop, | R. Conn, ..... | .... | 25 | 10 |
| 1782, | Two Rachels, ..... | Brig, | J. Benson, ..... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1779, | Vengeance, ..... | Sch., | Samuel Cassin,. | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1781, | Vengeance, ..... | Sch., | J. Parker, ..... | .... | 15 | 8 |
| 1779, | Vengeance (a), .... | Snow, | ——— Deane, .. | .... | .... | 16 |
| 1776, | Venus, ..... | Brig, | W. Raddon, ... | .... | 25 | 6 |

e. June, 1779, captured one schooner.

a. In October, 1779, the Vengeances captured the brig Defiance of fourteen guns and seventy-two men, losing eight killed and wounded; the enemy 15 killed and wounded.

VESSELS AND COMMANDERS—Continued.

| Year. | Name. | Class. | Commander. | Tons burth. | No. of men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1779, | Venus, ..... | Sch., | J. Clifton, ..... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782, | Vermont, ..... | Boat, | G. Spooner, .... | .... | 12 | 1 |
| 1781, | Virginia, ..... | Brig, | P. Hodgkinson,. | .... | 13 | 4 |
| 1782, | Von Tromp, ..... | Ship, | R. Shuvell, .... | .... | 45 | 10 |
| 1778, | Washington, ..... | Ship, | J. Fletcher, .... | .... | 30 | 8 |
| 1779, | Washington, ..... | Ship, | S. Walker, .... | .... | 60 | 18 |
| 1782, | Washington, ..... | Ship, | J. Goriah, ..... | .... | 100 | 18 |
| 1779, | Washington, ..... | Sloop, | J. Denning, .... | .... | 40 | 8 |
| 1779, | Washington, ..... | Sloop, | N. Chew, ..... | .... | 15 | 8 |
| 1779, | Washington, ..... | Sloop, | George May, ... | .... | 20 | 6 |
| 1782, | Weazel, ..... | Sch., | S. Spencer, .... | .... | 20 | 8 |
| 1782, | William, ..... | Ship, | N. Vallance, ... | .... | 20 | 4 |
| 1779, | Wild Cat (b), ..... | Ship, | ..... | .... | 75 | 14 |

b. July 13, 1779, captured the British schooner Egmont, and on the following day was herself captured by the frigate Surprise.

## PETITION OF THE PILOTS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

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To the Committee of Safety for the City of Philadelphia, The Petition of John Adams and Others Humbly Sheweth:

That, Your Petitioners being a body of Pilots who reside in this city, find themselves included in the Resolves of this Committee, dated 16th September, Inst., concerning the directions for the Pilots of the Bay and River of Delaware.

That By these resolves, your Petitioners, many of whom have large families, find themselves destitute of their usual means of obtaining support for themselves and families; Their only business being that of Piloting.

That their residence being so far from the Cape, your Petitioners have not the Advantages (allowed by the Committee, to the rest of the Pilotts who reside at the Capes,) of following their Business as expressed by the 5th of the Resolves above mentioned.

That your Petitioners are well-wishers to America, and are willing to risk their lives in support and Defence of her Liberties, Provided their Families are secured from Poverty, and Misery, which Your Petitioners are justly apprehensive will be the case in pursuance of the Resolves aforesaid, Your Petitioners having not where withall to maintain them.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray—

That this Committee will be pleased to allow to your Petitioners (they being as they humbly conceive by the nature of their Business as Pilotts fitt for the charge by them desired) The Care and Management of two of the Gallies which are to be fitted out for the Defence of the City; which will be considered by your Petitioners as a sufficient compensation for the loss of their Business and as a Maintenance for their families.

And in Case This their Petition shall be granted, Your Petitioners will and do hereby engage to man the said Gallies out of the Body of your said Petitioners; or in Case your Petitioners shall not be sufficient of themselves to man the said Gallies, they do engage to find a sufficient number of effective men to compleat the Quantity necessary.

Or in Case this Committee shall not think it proper to allow the Prayer of this Petition as above expressed, Your Petitioners

humbly pray that they may be allowed to Fish or Oyster for the Support of their families, the produce of which they do engage shall be sold in Publick Market, that the Community may enjoy and partake of the benefits of their Fishery.

And your petitioners do engage, That in Case this their last Petition shall be granted—That they will, as far as in them lays, avoid and shun any Ship or Vessel that may come in sight during the time they are employed in Fishing as aforesaid; and they do promise—

That rather than they will bring up or come in the way of any Ship of Warr or Armed Vessell they will run their boats ashore and make their Escape in the best manner they can—

In humble Confidence of the Prayer of their Petition being allowed, Your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray.

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|---|---|
| John Adams, | Charles, Richards, |
| Wm. Marshall, | Henry Shillinger, |
| Abraham Marshall, | Daniel Shillinger, |
| Miles Gerrard, | William Moleston, |
| W. White, | Yelverton Taylor, |
| Wm. Downs, | Nathaniel Philip, |
| Michl. Dawson, | William Ross, |
| James Steward, | James Roberts, |
| Henry Tuder, | Nehemiah Maull, |
| Daniel Gorton, | Joseph Gamble, |
| John Schneider, | Matthew Strong. |

Philadelphia, 20th September, 1775.

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## COMMISSION OF MUSTER MASTER OF THE NAVY.

In Committee of Safety.

To John Ross, Gentleman:

You are hereby appointed Muster Master of the Force belonging to the Pennsylvania Fleet, and authorized to exercise all such powers as may be necessary for the effectual discharge of the said office. You are to repair on Board and Visit each Boat in the Fleet once at least in every month and oftener if occasion should require, or if directed by this committee. You are there to require the Articles signed by the Boats Company and carefully to call over their Names, view each of them separately, examine whether they be actually fit for their respec-

tive Duty, and see that their numbers, conditions and abilities agree with the returns made by the Captains, and faithfully certify the same on the said returns. You are also to compare all draughts and orders made on the Pay Master by the Captains in favor of the officers and Privates belonging to the Boats, examine whether the time which they have been in the service be truly stated, with their ranks and certify the same accordingly. And all officers and others belonging to the Pennsylvania Fleet are hereby strictly enjoined and required, at all times, to admit and receive you on board of the Boats, and suffer you to proceed in the Duties above specified without hindrance or molestation; and for your so doing this shall be your warrant.

By order of the Committee,

ROBT. MORRIS,
President Pro Tempore.

Philadelphia, 6th October, 1775.

Wm. Govett, Secretary.

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## COMMISSION OF AN OFFICER OF THE NAVY.

In Committee of Safety.

To John Hennessy, Gentleman:

We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and fidelity, Do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Lieutenant of the Provincial Armed Boat, called the Effingham, fitted out for the protection of the province of Pennsylvania, and the Commerce of the River Delaware, against all hostile Enterprises and for the defence of American Liberty. You are therefore to take the said Boat into your charge, and carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers, Soldiers and Mariners under your command, to be obedient to **your** orders, as Lieutenant. And you are to observe, and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from the Assembly or Provincial Convention, during their sessions, or from this or a fututre Committee of Safety for this Province, or from your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, pursuant

to the trust reposed in you; this Commission to continue in force until revoked by the Assembly or Provincial Convention, or by this or any succeeding Committee of Safety—

By order of the Committee,

B. FRANKLIN, President.

Philadelphia, October 4th, 1775.

Wm. Govett, Secretary.

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## COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE FLEET.

Liberty Island, December 12th, 1775.

Gentlemen:—We, the Commanders of the Pennsylvania Armed Boats, Beg leave to represent to you, that Sundry of us having examin'd our Magazines, and find that our powder is suffering much from the natural dampness of all the Boats, and the long time it has been on board. We likewise have to observe, that the Inclemency of the weather is so severe on our men, occasions general dissatisfaction among them, and makes desertion very frequent, which is impossible for us, totally to prevent. We thought it our duty to give you this Intimation, and submit the measures to your Wisdom.

We would not have it conceiv'd that this proceeds from any desire we have of being (in consequence of it) order'd to town, But purely that the service we are engaged in may not suffer; The good of which, we do assure you, no sett of men has more sincerely at heart than, Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient Humble Servt's,

H. DOUGHERTY,
CHARLES ALEXANDER,
JNO. HAMILTON,
JAMES MONTGOMERY,
THOS. MOORE,
ALEX'R HENDERSON,
BENJ. THOMPSON,
ALLEN MOORE,
RICH'D EYERS,
JAMES BLAIR,
JOHN RICE.

The Hon'ble The Committee of Safety.

## "COMMISSION OF COMMODORE CALDWELL."

In Committee of Safety.

To Andrew Caldwell, Gentleman:

We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity, do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Commodore and Commander-in-Chief of all Ships, Vessels, Boats, floating Batteries, Fire-rafts, and other Naval Armaments and Equipments now fitted, and that shall or may be fitted out, by this Province, for the Protection thereof, and of the Commerce of the River Delaware, against all hostile Enterprises and for the defence of American Liberty. You are, therefore, to take into your charge the whole Fleet of Ships, Vessels, Boats, floating Batteries, Fire Rafts, and other Naval Armaments and equipments made, and that shall be made, and fitted out by this Province, and carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Commodore and Commander-in-Chief by doing, &c.

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## RESIGNATION OF COMMODORE CALDWELL.

Philadelphia, 25th May, 1776.

Gentlemen:—The appointment you were lately pleased to honor me with of Commodore of the Naval Armaments on this River, was accepted on my part from the same motives, which now induce me to resign—The service of an Injured Country.

Confined to my bed by a severe Illness, I am wholly disabled from executing the duties of such an important trust. The preservation of this city depends on the defence of the River, and as there is reason to believe that the Enemy will shortly return, with an addition of force, to accomplish their Hellish purposes of Murder and distruction, I should consider myself as injuring the Public cause, were I to delay at this time, the resigning of an office, which tho' proud to be honored with, and anxious to discharge, I am not now able to perform.

The House will be pleased to accept this as my resignation of the office of Commodore, the commission for which is in-

closed herein, and if on the return of health there should be any service which I can render to so just a cause, I shall ever conceive it an honor to be called upon for that purpose.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Humble Servant,

ANDREW CALDWELL.

P. S. The money I received from you is disposed off as underneath, for the recruiting service, for which the Captains will account with you:

Committee of Safety with A. Caldwell,

Dr.

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| To Cash pd. Capt. Hamilton, ..... | £30 0 0 |
| Paid Capt. Montgomery, ..... | 30 0 0 |
| Paid Capt. Boyce, ..... | 30 0 0 |
| Paid Capt. Moore, ..... | 30 0 0 |
| | £120 0 0 |

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| By your order on Mr. Nisbitt, ..... | £120 0 0 |
| | £120 0 0 |

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety.

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## SHIP MONTGOMERY'S INVENTORY, JULY 30th, 1776.

Inventory of Cabin Stores.

2 pewter Dishes.
1 doz. pewter Plates.
22 Knives and 22 Forks.
2 frying Pans.
1 Grid Iron.
1 Iron Ladle.
1 pair Tormentors.
2 Iron Tea Kettles.
2 pair Snuffers.
2 Coffee Potts.
6 Brass Candlesticks.
6 half pint Bowls and sawsers.
2 White Quart Mugs.
2 doz. Cups and sawsers.
1 Peper Pot.
1 doz. Soup plates.
2 doz. wine Glasses.
1 Dutch Oven.
1 Sugar Canaster and Lock.
1 Drudging Box.

1 doz. Chairs.
5 Tables.
3 Punch Bowls.
6 Yellow Dishes.
4 Tumblers.
24 Yellow Plates.
2 Salts.
1 Vinegar Crewet.
2 Jugs.
2 Decanters.
1 Tyrene.
1 Mustard Pot.
1 doz. Pewter Spoons.
2 Mugs.
2 Bowls.
4 White Pine Tables.
6 China Cups and sawsers.
1 Feper Box.
6 Canvis Bottom Chairs.
1 Egg Slice.
1 Nutmeg Grater.
1 Candle Box.
1 Bread Greater.
1 Driping Pan.
3 Copper Sauspans.
1 Coffee Mill.
2 Chamber Potts.
1 Cheese Toaster.
1 Dust Pan.
2 Cullanders.
3 Blacks Jacks.
1 Brass Ladle.
1 Copper Coffee Pott.
2 Wash hand Basins & Bottles.

Inventory of Master's Stores.

2 half hour glasses.
1 half Minute Glasses.
1 Quarter Minute glasses.
1 Brass Compass.
1 Wood do.
2 Speaking Trumpets.
4 Hand. do.
6 Log Lines.
2 Log Reels.
4 hand Leads and Lines.
1 Depsey Lead and Line.
12 Sticking Candlesticks.
4 horn Lanterns.
4 Tinn Lanterns.
12 Signal do.
1 Quire Log Book Paper,
Masts yards Stand'g & Running Rigon Compleat.
4 Anchors.
3 Cables.
3 Towlings.
1 Barg with 8 Oars.
2 Shoulder Mitten Sales and Masts with aurning.
1 Yawl with 6
1 Jolley Boat 4 do.

Inventory of the Gunner's Stores.

5,337 lbs. of Gunpowder.
2 Skees Marlin.
2 Skeens Twine.
60 Cartridge Boxes.
1 Log Line.
16 Small Arms.
6 Pistols.
1 Bundle Flints.
10 Crons.
50 Stools for Grape Shot.
19 Ramers & Sponge heads.
1 Hammer.
24 Cutlashes.
14 Guns, 18 pounders, with Carrig's, rods & Coins, Takles, all Compleat.
16 Cohorns.
8 Swivells.
2 lb Salt Peter.
35 Small Thimbles for port Ropes.
4 formers for Swivells & Cohorns for to make Cartridges with.

2 Ramers for false fires.
1 Gimblet.
5 Mallets.
12 Swivel Tompkins.
8 Cohorn do.
1 former Swivel Wads.
1 do. fo 18 Pounders.
2 Marlin Spikes.
4 Pouch Barrells.
30 fire Buckets.
18 Side Laterns.
6 hand do.
15 Spunges & Ramers Wood'n Handl's 18 Pounders.
10 Ladles, 11 Worms for 18 Pounders.
19 hooks & Thimbles.
18 Linch Pins Spare.
13 Spunges & Ramers for Swivels.
12 Ladles & Worms for Swivels.
2 Ladles & Worms fo Cohorns.
12 Spungs and Ramers for Cohorns.
12 Spunges & Ramers for the Tops.
1 Coyl Spun yarn.
30 priming Wires for 18 Pounders.
18 Bitts for 18 Pounders.
2 Swivel Bitts.
2 Priming Wires for Swivells.
30 hand Spikes.
3 Britchings Spare.
1,394 Shot 18 Pounders.
233 Landgrage Shot.
100 Doublehead'd do.
2 Pair Sissors.
47 Powder horns.
2 Bundles Match Stuff.
27 Sheep Skins.
28 lb Brimstone.
1 Mallet.
1 Box Candles, 42 lb.
5 Copper Measures.
2 Funnells.
23 false fires.
2 Jugs of Oyl.
14 Tomkins for 18 pounders.
1 Hatchet.
1 Cagg Chalk.
2 pair Snuffers.
7 Weights.
1 Beam & Scale.
2 Hides to fill on.
12 Spikes to take out Tomkins.
1 Pistle & Morter.
9 Needles & a small Q'ty Thread.
200 Empty Cartridges from the fort.
13 Priming wires for swivells.
30 pikes.
6 Quire Cartridge Paper.
765 Swivell Shot.
1 Barrell Grape Shot Cont'g 533 lb.
300 Empty Swivell Cartridges.
3 Pouch Barrells.
2 formers for 18 pound Cartridges.
50 Stools for Grape Shot.
4 Iron Crows.
8 Tomkins for Cohorns.
7 yds. Tow. Cloth.
1,800 Musket Cartridges with Balls.
14 lb White Lead.
4 Paint Brushes.
6 Quire Cartridge Paper.
13 Priming wires for swivells.
1 Pint Bottle Spirits wine.

Inventory of Boat'ns Stores.

148 Hammocks.
2 Lanthons.
12 Marlin Spikes.
6 Fidges.
10 lbs. Sowing Twine.
8 Scrapers without handles.
½ yd. read & green Baze.
7 doz. of Points.
3½ doz. Robins 2½ Inch.
4 Love Tackles.
80 Spare Blocks.
4 doz. Gaskets.
2 doz. Scrapers.
6 Mellats.
3 Coyls 3 Inch Rope.
12 Fatham of 5½ Inch Rope.
3 Coyles of 12 Thread Rattling.
4 doz. Thimbles & Hooks.
2 Coyles 2 Inch Rope.
2 do. 2½ do.
1 doz. Shovells.
1 doz. Painting Brushes.
6 Long Tar Brushes.
12 Hickory Brooms.
½ Hundred wt. of Tallow.
6 Caggs Lamblack.
9 Balm Irons.
18 Sail Hooks.
18 Bolt Rope Needles.
30 Sowing do.
1 Coyle Virmin.
12 Buckets.
8 Mops without handles.
1 Pott White Lead.
3 Coyls of 3 yarn Spunyard.

Inventory of the Carpenter's Stores.

29 lb Spikes.
34 lb 2s. & 2s.6d. Nails.
10 lb 10 d. & 20 d. do.
162 lb Bolts.
5½ doz. Large & Small Steples.
1 Boat Hook.
4,000 Pump Nails.
2,500 Sprigs.
13 p. hand Sheakle.
2 Pump Gallises.
3 Set Pump Geers.
450 Willding Nails.
1 doz. Willding Hooks.
4½ doz. Rings & fore locks.
36 feet 3 Inch plank, pine.
18 feet 2 Inch do.
27 feet 4 Inch Oak Plank.
10 do. 2½ do. do.
18 do. 2 do. do.
24 Leader Bolts.
1 Iron Pitch pot & Ladle.
2 Spare Topmasts.
1 Lower Yard.

Inventory of Armourer's Stores.

1 pair pinchers.
2 Hammers.
3 Screw Drivers.
¼ lb Iron wire.
2 Quarts Sweet Oyl.
2 Bench Vices.
1 Hand do.
1 Screw Plate.
1 oz. Boraux.
3 Files.
1 Iron Brace with 2 Square bitts.
5 Punches & role Chissells.
100 Lotch Pins & 60 Side & Britch Pins.
2 Scouring Rods with Springs & Worms.
1 Slit file, 1 Spring Hook & 1 Hardning Pan.
1 Pair Tounges & Orest Plate.

5 Smoth Files.
18 Rough Bastard Files Sorted.
2½ doz. File Handles.
3 ℔ fine Emere.
1 Rasp.
3 Drill Boxes & Thongs.
3 Case Bottles.
1 Britch Rench & 16 Forged Musket Casks.
3 Hammers & 10 Main Springs & 7 hammer Springs.
10 Splair Springs & 9 Tumblers & 16 Cock Pins,—Jarrs.

Inventory of the Stewart's Stores.

1 Large Beam & Scales.
1 Pair of Small Stillyards.
Weights from ¼ to 14 ℔.
Measures from ½ pint to a Gallon.
1 Funnell.
1 Chopper, 1 Knife, & 1 Steel.
1 Tender Box & Steel.
3 Harness Tubs with Locks.

Inventory of the Cook's Stores.

2 Grid Irons.
2 Frying Pans.
2 Skimmers.
2 Ladles.
1 Large Copper Ladle.
4 Small Flesh Forks.
2 Large do.
1 Midle Size Ladle.
6 Skimmers.
1 Fire Shovell & Tongs.

Inventory of Arms, &c., belong'g to Wm. Browns, Esq., Comp'y of Marines.

12 Riffells in Good order, wipers, None.
3 Bullet Molds, Bad.
12 Pouches.
7 Powder Horns.
1 Drum.
42 Fire Locks in good Order, worms nor Screws None.
42 Cartouch Boxes.
40 Baynots & Belts.
2 Baynots Lost at the time of the engagement.

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## RESIGNATION OF CAPTAIN HENNESSY.

Philadelphia, 23d August, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I am really sorry I lye under the disagreeable ncessity of Resigning, thro' the means of my taking a reasonable part (as becoming an officer) w'th Commodore Davison. I am sertain, was I to Continue in the fleet (w'ch I make, no doubt, your Hh'ble board w'd appoint me to some Command,) it w'd be disagreeable to some of the Gentlemen, and for the

sake of any more disturbance, I beg leave of your Hon'ble body to request of my Resignation. I am not, upon no acco't whatever, going to Sea in any Private property, but in the service of the Continent, w'ch I think is respectfuller for a man that follow'd the sea, and more service to my Country, than to Continue in River Service. I remain,

Gentlemen, wishing the service all the success Providence can bless' em w'th,

Your Hon'rs Most
Obedient and Very Hh'ble Serv't,
JOS. HENNESSY.

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## RESIGNATION OF CAPTAIN GAMBLE.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:—The Day before this Honorable board Fill'd up the small Vacancies then in the Armed boats; I delivered to one of your members, a request in writing, the prayer of which was to be removed from the Sloop Aetna, on board one of the then Vacant Armed boats, which request was only meant by me, to the End, that I might be in a more Active part of the service; This Honorable board not Granting the above request, Induces me to think it was Disrespected. Gentlemen, Inclosed is the Commission I had the Honor of Bearing, and Beg this Board to accept this My Resignation. I should have resigned at the time above mentioned, But apprehending the enemy might make a diversion in our river, determined to remaine in the service untill the season of the year should Prevent them, which season I hope is Come; this Honorable Board will Please to Believe,

I Am, with Due Respect,
Gentlemen, Your Most Humble Servant.
WILLIAM GAMBLE.

October 19th, 1776.

## MEMORIAL OF THE OFFICERS AND PRIVATES OF THE PUTNAM.

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To His Excellency, Thomas Wharton, Esqr., President of the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the same.

The Humble Petition of sundary officers and privates belonging to the New floating Battery Putnam, under Command of William Brown, Esqr., for the Defence of the State of Pennsylvania.

Most Humble Sheweth,

That your Petition excited by the late alarming progress of the enemy of the United States of America, did most Chearfully turn out as volunteers, under the command of our Noble Captain, Aforesaid, and joined General Washington's Army, in the State of New Jersey, where we expected our service would contribute the most Benefit to the Generall Cause, for which we are all engaged.

That your petition was at very considerable expences in procuring Cloaths and other necessary's for this extraordnary service which was to be performed in the most inclement season. We need not attempt (were it in our power) to represent to your Excellency the critical situation of the Army when we marched by night from Trinton to price Town; and thereby with unabated ardor, executed a Master Stroake of General ship Which effectually bafled the desighns of our enemy; but only to shew that in this enterprise we were Necessarily parted from our baggage waggon, which contained all our cloathing and necessary's, save only what was on our backs; that the circumstances of the Campaign deprived us of an opportunity of seeing the baggage waggon untill the twenty third of January; When, to our Great Damage, the articles in the inclosed list (which can be attested to if required,) was missing, being either lost, stole, or plundered. That notwithstanding the extraordinary hardships to which we was exposed for want of these necessarys, (not having the means of repleasing them,) we indured the campaign for the honour of our country—That our loss was not sustained by any neglect of ours, but the consequence of strict obedience to our duty on our part; That the extraordianry expence of equipping, as well as the service, is performed without any extraordinary

allowance whatever. That many of us have familys, the suport of which depends wholey on what we can save of our wages, best part of which is now stopt payment of the articles now lost; the loss, therefore, is the more severely felt at this time, when the scarcely adds to the difficulty of replacing it.

We, therefore, Most Humbly begg leave to refear the consideration of the primisses to your Excellency who we doubt not will grant us such recompence, as to your Excellency's Superior judgment shall seem meet, and your Petitions, As in Duty bound, Will Ever Pray.

William Edwards,
John Carmonday,
William Petterson, Sergt.
James Munks.
Robart Ronalds,
James Robartson,
John Mulland,
Robert Reed,
Joseph Kineer,
Andrew Mihhel,
William Johnson,
Samuel Philip,
John Brannan,
Timothy Riely,
John Willard,
Peter Poland,
James Burchal,
Peter Green,
Daniel Murphy,
William Robertson,
Nicholas Nailor, Mast'r Mate.
George Camble,
Timothy Karby,
James Kirkland,
James Morrison, Capt. Lieut.
James Wekemson, Lieut.
George Mayers, Gunner.
James Thompson, Sergt.
James Cochron, Sergt.
Andrew Mekemson,
Thomas Mekemson,
William Mekemson,
Dinnes M'Coyl.

*A return of the Naval Department for the State of Pennsylvania, under the command of Commodore Seymore, February 1, 1777.*

| VESSELS NAMES. | CAPTAINS OR MASTERS. | OFFICERS PRESENT. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Commodore. . | Captains . . . | 1st Lieutenants. | 2d Lieutenants. | 3d Lieutenants. | Masters. . . | Pilots. . . . | Chaplain . . | Surgeon.... | Surgeon's Mate. | Master's Mate . | Clerk.. . . . | Steward. . . . | Steward's Mate. | Gunner.. . . | Gunner's Mate.. | Master-at-Arms, | Boatswain . . |
| Ship Montgomery. | H. Dougherty, Esq. . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| Putnam Battery . . | William Brown, Esq. . | . . | 1 | 1 | . . | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Arnold Battery . . | Jer. Simmons, Esq. . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 1 | &c., | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | 1 |
| Congress . Galley . . | Isaac Roach, Esq. . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . |
| Franklin . . .do. . . | Nathan Boyce, Esq. . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | 1 | &c., | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . |
| Effingham. .do. . . | H. Montgomery, Esq . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . |
| Dickeson . ..do.. | A. Henderson, Esq. . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Chatham ..do. . . | George Garland, Esq. . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Hancock . . .do.. | Thomas Moore, Esq . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . | 1 | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Warren . . .do . . . | Thomas Houston, Esq . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 1 | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Burke . . . .do. . . | James Blair, Esq . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . |
| Cambden . ..do. . . | Ed. Yorke, Esq . . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Bull Dog . . .do.. | William Potts. Esq. . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Washington do. . . | J. M'Fetrich, Esq . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |

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| Experience .do. . . . | J. Webb, Esq. . . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Ranger . . . .do. . . . | J. Mitchal, Esq. . . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 1 | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Convention Galley, | John Rice, Esq. . . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | &c., | . . | 1 | . . | . | 1 |
| Shooner Delaware, . | Richard Eyres, Esq . . | . . . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 |
| Fire brig Vesuvious, | J. Christee, Esq . . . . | . . | 1 | 1 | . . | . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . |
| Sloop Ætna. . . . . | J. Brice, Esq. . . . . | | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . |
| Brimstone. . . . . | W. Watkins, Esq . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . |
| Terror . . . . . | Richard Hardie, Esq. . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . |
| Porcupine . . . . . | Robert Tatnall, Esq . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . |
| Sallamander. . . . . | C. Lawrence, Esq . . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . |
| Fame. . . . . | J. Cowpland, Esq . . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . |
| Vulture. . . . . | J. Hance, Esq . . . . . | . | 1 | . | . . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . |
| Sloop Hetty . . . . | H. Hoover . . . . . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . |
| Sloop Defyance. . . | C. Graff. . . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . |
| Schooner Lydia. . . | J. Simpson . . . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . |
| Sloop Sally . . . . . | M. Wirt . . . . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | |
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N. B Under the head marked Stewards, where the letters (&c.) are, the Clerks act as Stewards. To ascertain the absentees amongst the Officers, reference must be had to the Muster Rolls.

LOD'R SPROGEL,
*Commissary of Musters of Pennsylvania.*

## Return of the Naval Department—*Continued.*

| Vessels Names. | Captain or Masters. | Officers Present. Non-Commissioned. Boatswain's Mate. | Boatsw's Yeoman. | Carpenter. | Carpenter's Mate. | Second Gunner. | Second Master. | Yeoman Sheet. | Cooper. | Cook. | Sergeants. | Corporals. | Drum and Fife. | Privates. Pres't fit for duty. | Sick at Quarters. | Sick at Hospital. | On Command. | Absent with leave. | Ab. without leave. | Total. |
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| Ship Montgomery | H. Dougherty, Esq. | 1 | 1 | . . | 2 | . | 1 | . . | . . | 2 | . . | . . | 1 | 21 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | . | 27 |
| Putnam Battery | William Brown, Esq. | | | . . | 1 | 1 | 4 | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . | 1 | 65 | 3 | 5 | 7 | | 2 | 82 |
| Arnold Battery | Jer. Simmons, Esq. | 1 | . . | 1 | 1 | . . | 3 | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . | 14 | 3 | . . | 13 | 8 | . . | 38 |
| Congress Galley | Isaac Roach, Esq. | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | | . . | . . | 1 | 19 | . | . . | 4 | 8 | . . | 31 |
| Franklin ..do. | Nathan Boyce, Esq. | 1 | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | 1 | 26 | 4 | 2 | . . | | . . | 32 |
| Effingham ..do. | H. Montgomery, Esq. | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 16 | 5 | . . | . . | 4 | . . | 25 |
| Dickeson. . .do | A. Henderson, Esq. | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 32 | | | . . | 1 | . . | 33 |
| Chatham . . .do. | George Garland, Esq. | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | 16 | 1 | 4 | . . | 1 | . . | 22 |
| Hancock . . .do. | Thomas Moore, Esq. | . . | . . | 1 | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | 24 | 2 | . . | . . | . | . . | 26 |
| Warren . do. | Thos. Houston, Esq. | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 13 | 3 | 2 | . . | 6 | . . | 24 |
| Burke ..do. | James Blair, Esq., | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | 12 | | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 |
| Cambden . .do. | Ed. Yorke, Esq. | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 16 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 16 |
| Bull Dog . do. | William Potts, Esq. | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . | 10 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 10 |
| Washington .do. | J. M'Fetrich, Esq. | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 21 | 2 | . . | . . | . | . . | 23 |

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| Experience .do. . | J. Webb, Esq. . . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | 22 | 3 | . . | . . | . . | 25 |
| Ranger . . .do. . | J. Mitchell, Esq. . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | 19 | 2 | . . | . . | 1 . . | 22 |
| Convention Gal'y, | John Rice, Esq.. . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 8 | 1 | . | . . | 1 . . | 10 |
| Sch,r Delaware. . | Richard Eyres, Esq. | . . | . . | 1 | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 12 | . | . . | . . | . . | 12 |
| Fire br. Vesuvius, | J. Christee, Esq. . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | 3 | . | . . | . . | . . | 3 |
| Sloop Ætna. . . . | J. Brice, Esq . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 5 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 5 |
| Brimstone.. . . . | W. Watkins, Esq. . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | . | . . | . . | . . | 2 |
| Terror . . . . . | Richard Hardie, Esq. | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 9 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 9 |
| Porcupine. . . . . | Robert Tatnall, Esq. | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | 7 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 7 |
| Sallamander . . | C. Lawrence, Esq. . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 7 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 7 |
| Fame. . . . . | J. Cowpland, Esq. . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | . | . . | . . | . . | 2 |
| Vulture . . . . | J. Hance, Esq. . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | 5 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 5 |
| Sloop Hetty . . . | H. Hoover . . . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . |
| Sloop Defyance. . | C. Graff. . . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | 1 | . . | . . | . | . . | 1 |
| Schooner Lydia . | J. Simpson . . . . | . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . |
| Sloop Sally.. . . | M. Wirt. . . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 |
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*Stores issued to the Pennsylvania Navy for one month—1777.*

| No.—To whom issued. | Rations | Flour. | Bread. | Pork. | Beef. | Rum. | Wine. | Mut. | Candl's | Cash. | Salt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | *Bbl. lbs.* | *Bbl. lbs.* | *Bbl. lbs.* | *Bbl. lbs.* | *G. Q. Pts.* | *G. & Bbl.* | *lbs.* | *lbs.* | *£. s. d.* | *Gills.* |
| 1. Chatham | 14,626 | 21 | 204 | 1 | . . . . | 2 0 0½ | 2 bott's, | 37 | 26 | 32 5 0 | . . . |
| 2. Lyon | 22,173 | . . . . | 2 56 | 562½ | 1 81 | 13 0 0 | . . . . . | . . . | 2 | 142 10 0 | . |
| 3. Dickinson | 4,738 | 454 | 120 | . . . . . | 1,027 | 36 1 1 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | 1 18 6 | 2 |
| 4. Washington | 4,932 | . . . . | 710 | . . . . . | 812 | 42 3 1½ | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | 1 11 6 | . . . |
| 5. Bull Dog | 5,238 | . . . . | 1 | 3 | 591 | 6 0 0 | . . . . | . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . |
| 6. Brimstone | 1,522 | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | 150 | . . | *¼ | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . |
| 7. Congress | 4,392 | . . . . | 28 | . . . . . | 40 | 6 2 0 | . . . . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . . | 4 |
| 8. Burk | 5,655 | . . | 60 | . . . . . | 86 | 2 0 0 | †1 | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . | 16 |
| 9. Salamander | 1,512 | 113 | . . . | . . . . . | 148 | 8 3 1 | ‡6½ | . . . | . . . . | . . . | 40 |
| 10. Hancock | 18,518 | 100 | 180 | . . . . . | 2 353 | 12 0 0 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| 11. Ranger | 2,491 | . . . . | 133 | . . . . . | 237 | 10 1 1½ | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| 12. Montgomery | 1,915 | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | 1 0 0 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . |
| 13. Franklin | 15,648 | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | 105 | 12 3 0½ | . . . . . | . . . | 12 | 40 17 0 | 128 |
| 14. Viper | 6,328 | . . . | 315 | . . . . . | 191 | 18 3 0 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | 6 0 | 90 |
| 15. Effingham | 8,277 | 50 | 1,022 | . . . . . | 270 | 3 0 | *¼ | . | . . . . | . . . | . . . |
| 16. Experiment | 2,886 | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . | *¼ | . . | . . . . | 6 12 0 | . . . |
| 17. Fame | 3,621 | . . . . | 90 | . . . . . | . . . . | 3 1 1 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . |
| 18. Defiance | 814 | . . . . | 25 | . . . . . | 50 | 1 3 0 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| 19. Putnam | 4,485 | . . | 1,417 | . . . . . | 1,792 | 87 0 0½ | . . . . . | . . | . . . . | 39 10 0 | . . |
| 20. Camden | 6,098 | 147 | 250 | 1 | 644 | 23 0 0 | . . . . | . . . | . . . . | 41 11 0 | . |
| 21. Terror | 2,347 | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . . | . . | . . . . | 18 12 0 | . . . |
| 22. Dragon | 1,552 | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | 60 | 3 0 0 | . . . . . | 13 | . . . . | . . . . . | . . |
| 23. Warren | 4,546 | . . . | 250 | 1 | 425 | 19 0 0 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . |
| 24. Liddy | 1,070 | . . . . | 28 | . . . . | 40 | 1 3 0 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . |
| 25. Tormentor | 495 | . . . | 399 | . . . . | 512 | 3 0 1½ | . . . . . | . . | . . . . | 1 13 0 | 49 |
| 26. Porcupine | 1,701 | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . | . . . . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . |
| 27. Hawk | 1,527 | 200 | . . . . | . . . . | 700 | 1 0 0 | . . . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . |

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| 28. Liberty | 1,061 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29. Speedwell | 1,082 | | 116 | | 140 | 2 0 | | | | 7 0 | 14 |
| 30. Wasp | 1,437 | | | | | 6 0 | | | | 17 6 | 33 |
| 31. Etna | 766 | 193 | | | 266 | 14 2 1 | | | | | |
| 32. Vesuvious | 481 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33. Firebrand | 918 | | | | | 2 0 0 | | | | | |
| 34. Hetty | 467 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35. Industry | 1,114 | 445 | | | 742 | 11 1 0 | | | | 18 16 9 | 73 |
| 36. Vulter | 626 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37. Delaware | 1,736 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 38. Convention | 8,392 | 141½ | | | 1,430 | 136 0 0 | | | | | 40 |
| 39. Sally | 1,103 | | 14 | | 120 | | | | | | |
| 40. Hornet | 1,417 | | | | | 1 0 0 | | | | | |
| 41. Argus | 406 | | 21 | | 90 | 5 0 0 | | | | | |
| 42. Vulcano | 1,025 | 252 | | | 360 | 28 0 0 | | | | 1 2 6 | 45 |
| 43. Strumbelo | 297 | | 252 | | 310 | 12 0 0 | | | | 1 16 0 | |
| 44. Eagle | 389 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45. Resolution | 687 | | 147 | | 180 | 1 1 1 | | | | 16 6 | 15 |
| 46. Black Duck | 567 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 47. Hecla | 528 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 48. Farmers Friend | 190 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49. Tarter | 126 | | 12 | | 17 | | | | | | |
| 50. Commodore barge | 824 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51. Arnold battery | 2,071 | | | | 110 | 19 3 1½ | | *½ | | 1 10 0 | |

* Cord wood. † Bushel potatoes. ‡ Quarts rice.

## PAY OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE STATE NAVY.

In Council of Safety,
November 22, 17776.

A list of the pay of the Fleet in the service of the State of Pennsylvania.

| Stations. | Ship and Batteries. | Gallies and Boats. | Rations. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Commodore | 60 dolls. per mo., | . . . | . . . . . |
| Captain | 32 . . . do. . . . . | 32 dollars, | . . . . . |
| First Lieutenant | 20 . . . do. . . . . | 20 . do. . . | . . . . . |
| Second and Third Lieut's | 16 . . . do. . . . . | 16 . do. . . | . . . . . |
| Master | 20 . . . do. . . . . | None. . . | . . . . . |
| Master's Mate | 15 . . . do. . . . . | None. . . | . . . . . |
| Carpenter | 14 . . do. . . . . | 12 dollars, | . . . . . |
| Gunner | 14 . . . do. . . . . | 12 . do. . . | . . . . . |
| Boatswain | 14 . . . do. . . . . | 12 . do. . . | . . . . |
| Armourer | 9 . . . do. . . . . | None. . . | . . . . . |
| Clerk | 12 . . . do. . . . | 13 . do. . . | . . . . . |
| Steward | 10 . . . do. . . . | | |
| Cook | 9 . . . do. . . . . | 8 . do. . . | . . . . . |
| Drummer | 8 . . . do. . . . . | 8 . do. . . | . . . . . |
| Fifer | 8 . . . do. . . . . | 8 . do. . . | . . . . . |
| Chief Surgeon of the fleet, (ship excepted) Artillery, and Superindent of the Hospital | 10 shil's per day. | . . . . . | 3 rations |
| Surgeon of the ship | 32 dolls. per mo., | . . . . . | 3 . do. . |
| Surgeon's mate | 18 . do. . . . . | . . . . . | 2 . do. . . . |
| Privates | 8 . . do. . . . . | 8 dollars, | . . . . . |
| Boys | 4 . do. . . . | 4 . do. . . | . . . . . |

Petty officers, such as Quartermasters, Gunner's Mates, Boatswain's Mate and Carpenter's Mates on board the Ship and Floating Batteries, to have nine dollars per month.

Pay to commence 1st October, 1776.

## LIST OF THE SICK AND TIME THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL, SINCE THE 1st MARCH, 1777.

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John Tigny, Washington, 2 weeks 4 days, £1 18 7.
James Wany, Chatham, 3 weeks 3 days, £2 11 5¼.
Simon Hilton, Congress, 2 weeks 1 day, £1 12 1¾.
Henry Brown, Hancock, 1 week 4 days, £1 3 7.
William Donnegan, Ranger, 5 days, £0 10 8¾.
James Winch, Ranger, 6 days, £0 12 10½.
Jeremiah Gibbons, Dickison, 5 days, £0 10 8¾.
John Collins. Dickison, 2 weeks 5 days, £2 0 8¾.
Christian O'Neal, Bull Dog, 2 weeks 4 days, £1 18 7.
——— Nagroe, Ranger, 2 weeks 5 days, £2 0 8¾.
Israel James, Bull Dog, 1 week 6 days, £1 7 10½.
John Wright, Dickison, 2 weeks 4 days, £1 18 7.
Thomas Jones, Ranger, 1 week 6 days,, £1 7 10½.
John Story, Dickison, 2 weeks 4 days, £1 18 7.
James Philop, Dickison, 1 week 3 days, £1 1 5¼.
John M'Glaughlin, Dickison, 1 week 5 days, £1 5 9.
John M'Ilwrath, Dickison, 5 days, £0 10 8¾.
John Hamilton, Congress, 2 weeks 4 days, £1 18 7.
Henry Haney, Washington, 2 weeks, £1 10 0.
Thomas Johnson, Effingham, 1 week, £1 1 5¼.
Michael M'Keever, P. F. B., 1 week 5 days, £1 5 9.
John Patton, P. F. B., 1 week 2 days, £0 19 3.
John Leesman, P. F. B., 1 week, £0 15 0.
James Reynolds, Washington, 1 week 4 days, £1 3 9.
John Bryan, sloop Kitty, 2 weeks 3 days, £1 16 5¼.
James Neagle, Franklin, 1 week 1 day, £0 17 1¾.
John Murphy, 1 week 4 days, £1 3 7.
Peter M'Clasky, 1 week 2 days, £0 19 3.
John Thomson, Hancock, 5 days, £0 10 8¾.
John Thurman, Hancock, 4 days, £0 8 7¾.
Morris Lish, Bull Dog, 6 days, £0 12 10¼.
Pat Cain, 4 days, £0 8 7.
Total amount, £40 1 10¾.

## AMOUNT OF THE PAY ROLLS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE FLEET, FOR THE MONTH MAY, 1777.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 14 Armed Boats, | | £1,024 15 0 |
| 2 Ships, 2 Briggs & 1 Sloop, (Fire Vessels,) | | 278 0 0 |
| 5 Sloops for accommodation, Victual'g, &c., &c., | | 130 0 0 |
| 13 Galleys, vizt: | | |
| The Congress, | £206 12 6 | |
| Franklin, | 191 5 6 | |
| Effingham, | 186 16 6 | |
| Warren, | 177 4 6 | |
| Washington, | 244 10 6 | |
| Chatham, | 195 16 6 | |
| Ranger, | 226 4 0 | |
| Dickinson, | 237 9 0 | |
| Burke, | 144 9 0 | |
| Camden, | 131 9 6 | |
| Hancock, | 180 0 0 | |
| Experiment, | 185 15 6 | |
| Bull Dog, | 130 3 6 | |
| | | £2,437 16 6 |
| Ship Montgomery, | | 85 15 0 |
| Putnam Floating Battery, | | 402 0 0 |
| Arnold Floating Battery, | | 314 13 9 |
| Brig Convention, | | 193 18 0 |
| Schooner Delaware, | | 107 18 0 |
| | | £4,974 16 3 |
| Several of the Galleys, Ship Montgomery and the other Vessels are short in their complement of men, which, if compleat, would cost the State about | | 1,350 0 0 |
| | | £6,324 16 3 |

WM. WEBB, Navy Pay Master.

Philadelphia, June 20, 1777.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COURTS MARTIAL.

At a Court Martial held this 5th day of August, 1778, for the Trial of John Lawrence, Gunner of the Dickinson Galley.

Captain Nathan Boys, President.

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| Captain Houston, | Captain Beasly, |
| Captain Garland, | Captain Greenway, |
| Captain Rouch, | Captain Erwin, |
| Captain Watkin, | Captain Ross, |
| Captain Hazlewood, | Lieutenant Casson, |
| Captain Martin, | Lieutenant Simpson, |

Lieutenant Bremen.

John Lawrence stands charged by Captain John Harrison, of the Dickinson Galley, for deserting to the enemy during the Siege, (in Comp'y with the First Lieutenant, Boatswain, and a number of privates) with an armed Boat from Guard off Fort Mifflin.

Prisoner denies the Charge.

Captain John Harrison declareth on Oath, that the prisoner belong'd to the Dickinson Galley under his Command, was order'd on Guard with Lt. Glascen, on board the Armed Boat Salamander, and was to take orders from Captain Boys, he being Commanding Officer of the Night; accordingly they put off from the Galley in Co. with two Boats, and Rowed round Bush Island towards Fort Mifflin; after that time saw nor heard any thing of them till morning, when Captain Boys informed him he had seen nothing of them all night, and concluded from that they were all gone that was in the boat to the enemy; that some time after retreating past the City of Philadelphia, Patt Shean, who was in the said boat, return'd to Trenton from out of Philadelphia, and deliver'd himself up.

Patt Shean declareth on Oath, that when they put off in the evening from the Galley, he heard of no Plott being made for Going till they came towards the Hospital Wharf; those that were in stern order'd to row away, but can't tell who, (as there was in the stern Mr. Glasgen, 1st Lieut.; Mr. Lawrence, Gunner, and John Dawson, private,) they still continued Rowing till they came near the Hospital Wharf when they hailed from shore and asked, who comes there; Dawson said, Deserters; they asked where from, they said from the Row Galleys; the Brittish asked whether they were coming to them; the answer was, yes; they desired them to pull up to the Wharf.

Prisoner acknowledges he took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Brittain, and received three and half Guineas for his share of the Boat & Arms carried off with them; he was also in a vessel belonging to a Brittish subject assisting them, and went to New York in her; he also acknowledges he was at the helm of the said Boat steering of her, but denies he knew anything of her going off but saw the Fort Lights.

The Court having seriously consider'd the charge alledged against the prisoner and his defence, do sentence him to suffer Death by being hung with a Rope round his Neck till he is Dead, Dead, Dead.

NATHAN BOYS, President.

Philadelphia, August 5th, 1778.

I do approve of the above sentence.

JOHN HAZLEWOOD, C. P. F.

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At a Court Martial held at Philadelphia, the 15th of August. 1778:

Captain Nathan Boys, President.

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| Captain Montgomery, | Captain Greenway, |
| Captain Garland, | Captain Erwin, |
| Captain Roach, | Lieutenant Berry, |
| Captain Potts, | Lieutenant Casson, |
| Captain Harrison, | Lieutenant Fell, |
| Captain Watkin, | Lieutenant Simmonds, |
| Captain Martin, | Lieutenant Fitzsimmons, |

Lieutenant Bremen.

Prisoner before the Court: Samuel Lions, 1st Lieut. of the Dickison Galley, stands Charged with Deserting from the s'd Galley, and taking the Boat and Seven Men with him belonging to the s'd Galley to the Enemy.

Prisoner Pleads Guilty of Deserting.

Prisoner Saith, that he went ashore in the Boat with the Men, and left the Boat at Hollander's Creek, and then went to Philadelphia. That while in Philadelphia, an Orderly Serjeant came to his House, and said he came from Lord Cornwallis, and desired him to go with some Men to Webb's Ferry, at Schuylkill, to Pilot them; that he told the said Serjeant he could not go, for his Child was sick; that the s'd Serjeant told him that would not do, he must go and would not be gone above an hour or two; that he went with them to s'd Ferry, and that Lord Cornwallis was with them.

Evidence.

Diana M'Lane declareth on Oath, that she went to the Prisoner's House to know if he Could get her Husband out of Prison; that the Prisoner fixed upon a day for her to come, and he would go; that she went at the time appointed; that the Prisoner denied her and said, "No, I will not go, for I have wash'd my hands clear of them; why did he deny what he was, and why did he not deliver himself up and have his liberty?"

The Court seriously considered the Charge alleg'd against the Prisoner, having heard his defence, and the evidence.

Th Court are of Opinion, that the Prisoner, Samuel Lions, is Guilty of Death, and therefore the Court do

Sentence the s'd Prisoner, Samuel Lions, to suffer Death by being Shott.

NATHAN BOYS, President.

John Thornton, Clerk.

I do approve of the above sentence.

JOHN HAZLEWOOD, "C. P. F."

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At a Court Martial held this 17th day of August, 1778, according to adjournment.

Captain Nathan Boys, President.

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| Captain Montgomery, | Captain Erwin, |
| Captain Garland, | Captain Greenway, |
| Captain Roach, | Lieutenant Berry, |
| Captain M'Fetrich, | Lieutenant Casson, |
| Captain Potts, | Lieutenant Fell, |
| Captain Harrison, | Lieutenant Simmonds, |
| Captain Watkins, | Lieutenant Fitzsimmons, |
| Captain Martin, | Lieutenant Bremen. |

Jeremiah Holden, Pilot, stands charged for absenting himself from the Brig Convention.

Captain John Rice declareth on Oath, that Mr. Holden came to him and asked leave to go to Town, for to get some Rations for his Wife; that he wanted to leave her some provision before the Enemy came to Town, and asked for an order for his Rations which I gave, and gave him leave to come to Town, and to come down as soon as possible.

William Blyth declareth on Oath, that he was at Mr. Fortune's the Morning the Enemy came to Town, and some person called to Mr. Holden, seeing him, and asked him where he was going in such a Hurry; his reply was, he was making the best

of his way on board his Vessel; he was asked if he would not be too late; he said he made no doubt he could go to Province Island, and from that to the Fort, from whence he could get on board his Vessel; and he then set off, he thinks, with that Intention; the British Troops came into the City that day.

Mr. Fortune declareth on Oath that on the Morning the British Troops came into Town, I came out of the Garden and saw Mr. Holden at my door; he asked me if there was any one going down; I asked him where; he said he wanted to go on board his Vessel; I took him by the hand, and told him God bless him, I wish you was down, for they are near at hand; I then went into 2d street and saw them. Mr. Holden then went off on the Road towards Mudd Island, seeming in great haste.

Mr. Holden's defence: That on Saturday before the B——— Troops came into this City, that Capt. Rice went on board the Commodore and brought some Gent'n on board the Brig to Dine with him; he saw Mr. Holden and told him the Commodore said that he might go on; I told him I was much obliged to him, and got a passage up to Piladehlphia in the Province Ship's boat, and came up to Town when it was almost dusk, and then found I could not settle with the Com'y, and on Sunday Morning got a passage down as far as the Province Ship. I could not get a passage on board the Brig until Monday Morning; I stay'd on board till Wednesday Morning, when you was called upon by And'w Higgins, who asked him to go to Town; I told him yes, that I had leave to go to settle with the Commiss'y. I settled with him, and on Thursday morning went down again to Province Island, where I waited 2 or 3 Hours for a passage down to the Brig and could not get down. I then saw a Boat from the Fire Vessels going up to Town with some provision for their family. I told them I had got a quantity of meat due me, and I would carry a Quarter of Beef up with him if he would give me a passage, which he did, and landed me on South Street Wharf. The next morning I waited at Home, expecting to see somebody go past that was going down to Province Island; I then went to Mr. Fortune, inquired if anybody was going down to said Island; they told me there was nobody there, and asked me if I was going down; I said yes, and intended to get on board my Brig. I shook hands with them and bid them good-bye. I went along down the road; some people acquainted me that the British Troops was in Second Street; I walked as fast as I could, and got half way down; I stop'd to ease myself, and was looking up a lane, saw a parcel of horse coming along, upon which I immediately run up the

lane and laid behind some privy hedge until they passed; after they had passed, I made into the Woods, and made the best of my way home, for I imagined them to be the Light Horse with their Guides; they passed me and went down towards the Ferry, which preventing me from getting down. After I had been home about two days, I was very ill-treated by Mr. Gregory, who told me I belonged to the Armed Vessels; I told him I did not, I was only Pilot of one from Chester down; and Mr. Story asked me if I did not belong to the Armed Vessels; I told him I did not belong to them, was only a Pilot from Chester to the Cape, and had nothing further to say to him. He told me to go to Lord Cornwallis, that he wanted me; I told him I would, and instead of going, I went home. I was different times asked by C. Gilbert to go down after he had been; told him I would not go down nigh them, meaning the Enemy; I told him I would starve before I would assist them in the least.

Having consider'd the Charge and Evidence, the Court are unanimously of opinion the Prisoner should be acquitted.

The Court adjourns till to-morrow Morning, 9 O'clock.

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At a Court Martial held this 18th day of August, for the Trial of Sundry prisoners:

President, Capt. Nathan Boys.

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| Captain Montgomery, | Captain Martin, |
| Captain Garland, | Captain Erwin, |
| Captain Roach, | Lieutenant Berry, |
| Captain M'Fetrich, | Lieutenant Casson, |
| Captain Potts, | Lieutenant Fell, |
| Captain Harrison, | Lieutenant Simmons, |
| Captain Watkins, | Lieutenant Fitzsimmons, |

Lieutenant Bremen.

Prisoners before the court: Danl. Cross, John Ryan, Thomas Inhester, & William Hall stands charged for deserting to the enemy.

Danl. Cross, confesses he left the Fleet & came to Philad'a.

John Ryan, confesses he came to Philad'a the morning the enemy came in.

Thomas Inhester, Confesses he came to Philad'a the morning the enemy came in.

William Hall, confesses he came to Philad'a the morning the enemy came in.

Danl. Cross says when he came to Philad'a he was employed cutting of wood, and that he sign'd articles for six months, and the cause of his leaving the fleet was that he was Ill-used by going from one Boat to another, and Capt. Cowpland threatened that he took the Oath of Allegiance to the King, that he came off in the Sloop's Boat with two Gunners & two privates.

Captain James Brown declareth on oath, that he told the prisoner that if he did not like the service he might leave it; that the Prisoner sign'd the articles, after the six months expired; that the prisoner apply'd for a discharge, but can't tell what time that he told him he could not discharge him, but might go on board any other Vessel, and he made no doubt but he could suit himself as well with another Gunner.

That he receive 39 lashes and return'd on board one of the Galleys as private.

John Ryan says, that he belong'd to Capt. Hanse Boat, that Capt. Hanse gave the Married leave to come to Philad'a; that the enemy came into the City that morning he came to Town, and he staid there selling of lines, &c.

To be discharged from the service, without any benefit from the State.

Thomas Inhester says, that he came off in the Ranger's boat, and came to Philad'a and worked along shore, and took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of great Brittain.

To receive 39 Lashes & return to his duty.

Wm. Hall says, that he was always kept confined on board the Arnold Battery, and never could get leave to come on shore, and that there was a Battaux along side and he came off in her from abreast of Billingsport, and landed at the Rope Walk near Philad'a, when the enemy was in the city, and that he took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Brittain.

Acquitted & return him to his duty.

Benj. Richards, Eli Barnett, Wm. Archer, stands charged for deserting from the fleet during the seigh at the river.

Bn. Richard says, that he inlisted for six months and no longer; that he got leave from the Commodore to go and see his family in the Jersey's; that he stay'd there till after Christmas, about 2 weeks, and moved from thence to Tinicum Island; that his six months was expired, and that he wrote opposite his name in the Articles for six months.

Acquitted and does not belong to the service.

Eli Barnett says, that he never inlisted with Captain Rue, that he was hired by another man to stay three months in the service, and never sign'd Articles.

Acquitted him that he does not belong to the service.

Wm. Archer says, that he, when he enlisted with Captain Lawrence, he told him that if he did not like the service, and he would get another in his room, he should go home which he did, and got leave to go to his family; that he deliver'd the man to Capt. Lawrence, in the presence of Major Morton; that his name was John Miles.

Acquit him, not belong'd to the service.

Nich's Fitzgerald says, that he had liberty from Captain Moore to go to the Hospital; that the day the Action of Brandewine, he had permission from the Doctor, came home and remain'd there some time when the Enemy was in Town; that he went in a Sloop from Philad'a to New York; and going from New York to Ireland as passenger in a Schooner with 2 guns, and was taken off Egg harbor.

To be discharged and received no benefit from the State.

Wm. Shilten, Henry Conrad, Thomas Heizer, having been brought before the Court, the Court are of opinion that they are under the benefit of the proclamation and acquit them to return to their duty.

August 18, 1778. The Court Martial are disolved.

## A MEMORIAL OF OFFICERS OF THE NAVY.

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To the Hon'ble the Representatives of the Freeman of the Commonwealth in Gen. Assembly met:

The Petition of a number of officers belonging to the Penn'a State Fleet, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners seeing the Brig Convention of this state laying inactive, (and being distitute men,) when she might be distressing our enemies and making prizes and there not appearing to us any way of maning her without distressing the rest of the fleet, a number of the officers there for the public service of said fleet having no advantage of trade or of any prizes as the other officers in the service of the United States have, and as the pay at those extravagant times is not equal to the expences of themselves and familys, and being willing to do every thing in there power for the service of this State, Humbly pray your Honb'l House will grant them the liberty of the said Brig for any time you may think proper to their private service. Victualing and getting her completely manned without distressing the fleet, of a Man knowing the said vessel is meant for distressing the enemy, (and the public being so much engaged in other business not having time to attend to the dispatch of her,) Therefore, hope your Honb'l House will not think the request unreasonable and grant it them and

Your,

*A return of the Officers and Men belonging to the State Fleet, with the amount of cash in lew of Common Refreshments and Common Rations, from May the 6th, to June the 3d, following.*

| No. | Men's names. | Station. | No. of Rations. | Weekly allowance. | Remarks. | Sum. |
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| 1. | Nathan Boys | Captain | 3 rations | £120 0 0 | Four weeks | £480 0 0 |
| 2. | Isaac Roach | ..ditto | ..ditto | 120 0 0 | ..ditto | 480 0 0 |
| 3. | Stephen Beasly | ..ditto | ..ditto | 120 0 0 | ..ditto | 480 0 0 |
| 4. | Henry Martin | ..ditto | ..ditto | 120 0 0 | ..ditto | 480 0 0 |
| 1. | Nick Fitzsimmons | First Lieutenant | 2 ditto | 80 0 0 | ..ditto | 320 0 0 |
| 2. | George Myers | ...ditto | ..ditto | 80 0 0 | ..ditto | 320 0 0 |
| 3. | Isaac Eley | ...ditto | ..ditto | 80 0 0 | ..ditto | 320 0 0 |
| 4. | John M'Clane | Second Lieutenant | ..ditto | 80 0 0 | ..ditto | 320 0 0 |
| 1. | James Hutchenson | State Surgent | 3 ditto | 120 0 0 | ..ditto | 480 0 0 |
| 1. | Daniel Bonlin | Armour | 1 ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 2. | Robert M'Colloch | Private | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 3. | Edward Gibbons | ..ditto | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 4. | John Monro | ..ditto | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 5. | John Carter | ..ditto | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 6. | John Fox | ..ditto | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 7. | Elisha Reynolds | ..ditto | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 8. | Stephen Flanigan | ..ditto | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| 9. | John Moore | ..ditto | ..ditto | 40 0 0 | ..ditto | 160 0 0 |
| *1. | Samuel Walker | Inverlead | ..ditto | 27 10 0 | ..... | 110 0 0 |
| *2. | Thomas Jones | ..ditto | ..ditto | 27 10 0 | ..... | 110 0 0 |
| *3. | Randel Baker | ..ditto | ..ditto | 27 10 0 | ..... | 110 0 0 |
| | | | | | | 5,450 0 0 |

* Wounded—unfit for duty.

To the amount of sundry bills purchased for the Expedition down the Bay.
I do certify the above to be a true return to the best of my knowledge, June 3d, 1780.

NATHAN BOYS.

## LIST OF IMPRESSED MEN.

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July 16th, 1781, impressed out of the prize brig Fanny, Capt. Harris belonging to the Rising Sun, viz:

Joseph Young, Jacob Vanderport,
Thomas Gardiner.

Out of the Ship Lively, from Boston, July 16th, viz:

Joseph Barclay, Thomas Riddle,
John Black, Robert Day,
George Carleton, William Curtain,
John Cook.

# PAPERS

RELATING TO

# BRITISH PRISONERS

IN

# PENNSYLVANIA.

# A RETURN

OF OFFICERS AND PRIVATES BELONGING TO HIS MAJESTIES 26th REGIMENT, TAKEN AT ST. JOHNS, IN YORK TOWN, YORK COUNTY—THE OFFICERS ON PAROLE:

Captains.

Andrew Gordon, James Livingston.
John Strong,

Lieutenants.

Laws. Dulhunty, Don. M'Donall,
Edw. Thompson, Edward P. Willington.

Ensigns.

Robert Thomas, James Gordon.

Drummers.

James Campbell, Thomas Dacon.

Privates.

Robert M'Cowin, James Budge,
George Sands.

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OF THE ROYAL HIGHLAND EMIGRANT REGIMENT.

Taken at St. Johns.

Captain.

Daniel Robertson.

Privates.

John Wilson, Michael Kempler.
Taken at Egg Harbor, October 16th, 1775.

Sergeants.

Donald M'Leod,
William M'Lean,
John M'Eachen,
John M'Eoer,
Roderick M'Donald,
John Murry,
Angus Cameron,
David Carswell,
Walter Goodfellow.

Navy Officers.

Richard Boyer, 2d Lieut. of his Majesties Ship Liverpool, taken at Sea off the Cape of Virginia, the latter end of March, 1776. George Ball, 3d Lieut. of the Roebuck, taken 28th March, 1776, off Cape Henlopen. Robert Chase, Lieut. of the Gasper, taken Novemb'r 20th, 1775, in the River St. Lawrence.

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LIST OF PRISONERS AND PLACES OF DESTINATION.

For Philadelphia.

1. His Excell'y Brigadier Gen'l Donald M'Donald.
2. Coll'o Allen M'Donald, (of Kingsbrough.)
3. Maj'r Alexander M'Donald, (Coudrach.)
4. Alexander M'Donald, (son of Kingsbrough.)
5. Capt. Jamees M'Donald.
6. Capt. John M'Donald.
7. Capt. Angus M'Donald.
8. Capt. Alexander M'Kay.
9. Capt. John Leggate.
10. Capt. Alexander M'Leod.
11. Capt. Alexander Morrison.
12. Capt. Alexander M'Leod.
13. Capt. Murdock M'Askell.
14. Capt. Alexander M'Leod.
15. Capt. Neil M'Arthur.
16. Capt. James Mewse.
17. Capt. John M'Leod.
18. Capt. Thomas Wier.
19. Capt. John M'Kinzie.
20. Lieut. John Murchison.
21. Kennith M'Donald, Aid-de-Camp.
22. Murdoch M'Leod, Surgeon.
23. John Smith, Adjutant Gen'l.
24. Donald M'Leod, Quarter Master.

25. John Bethune, Chaplain.
26. Forquard Campbell, Confidential Emissary, to Gov. Martin.
27. Coll'o Thomas Rutherford.
28. Michael Holt.
29. Francis Frasier, sick and unable to travel.
30. ———, Atchison, a Mid Shipman of the Syrun Man of war; detained by the Congress.

For Maryland.

1. Capt. William Garner.
   Capt. Seymor Yorke.
3. Capt. John Piles.
4. Capt. David Jackson.
5. Capt. Robinson Yorke.
6. Capt. Alexander M'Rau.
7. Aaron Verdie, Wagon Master.
8. Samuel Deviney.
9. Stephen Sisney.
10. Frederick Craft.
11. John Piles, Jun'r.
12. Enoch Thompson, Brawford.
13. Lieut. Kennith Stuart.
14. William Field.
15. Jeremiah Field.
16. Robert Field.
17. Joseph Field.
18. Matthias Sapingfield.
19. Robert Turner.

For Virginia.

1. Major Samuel Snead.
2. Capt. Jacob Pope.
3. Capt. Lewis Lowrey.
4. Capt. Morris Nowlen.
5. Ensign Norman M'Leod.
6. Lieut. John M'Leod.
7. Lieut. Laughlin M'Kinner.
8. Lieut. James Munro.
9. Ensign Donald Morrison.
10. Ensign John M'Leod.
11. Lieut. Archibald M'Eachern.
12. Rory M'Kinnen.
13. Donald Stuart, Quartermaster.
14. Capt. Enoch Bradley, Blacksmith.
15. Donald M'Leod.

Return of the Prisoners of the 26th Regiment, taken at St. Johns and in the River St. Lawrence, and arrived at Lancaster.

Taken at St. Johns, November 3, 1775.

Captain John Stronge, arrived at Lancaster, 11th December, 1775.
Captain James Livingstone, 20th January, 1776.
Lieut. Laurn'e Deelhunty, 15th April, 1776. Levingstone.
Lieut. Edw'd Thompson, 4th February, 1776. Col. Templar's.
Lieut. Donald M'Donell, 11th December, 1775. Capt. Gordon.
Lieut. Edw'd Willington, 11th December, 1775. Capt. Swan's.
Ensign Robert Thomas, 11th December, 1775. Capt. Strong's.
Ensign James Gordon, 11th December, 1775. Maj. Preston.
Surgeon's Mate Finley Miller,14th September, 1776.

Serjeants.

John Hunter, 25th May, 1776. Gen. Scott's.
John M'Neil, 11th December, 1775. Maj. Preston's.
John Scoblay, 11th December, 1775. Capt. Anstruther's.
Barn'y M'Faddin, 11th December, 1775. Capt. Delaplan.
James Duglas, 16th July, 1776. Capt. Delaplan.
James Moore, 11th December, 1775. Capt. Gordon.
Rob't Scott, 16th July, 1776. Capt. Strong.
John Gay, 4th February, 1776. Capt. Stewart.
Will'm Eeules, 22d December, 1775. Capt. Levingston.
Will'm Malcolm, 11th December, 1775. Capt. Swan's.

Corporals.

Alex'r Johnston, 11th December, 1775. Gen. Scott's.
John Allen, 11th December, 1775. Templar's.
Peter Thomas, 11th December, 1775. Preston's.
John Anderson, 11th December, 1775. Preston's.
Roger Morrison, 11th December, 1775. Arnstruther.
Phelia Neil, 11th December, 1775. Delaplan.
John Armitage, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
John Miller, 11th December, 1775. Gordon's.
James Culbert, 4th February, 1776. Gordon's.
John Loyd, 11th February, 1775. Stewart's.
Edw'd Baxter, 11th February, 1775. Inlisted.
Alex'r Miller, 11th February, 1775. Levingston.
Henry M'Cormick, 11th February, 1775. Inlisted.
Peter Crafts, 4th February, 1776. Swan's.

Drummers.

Thos. Deakin, arrived at York, 11th February, 1775. Templar's.
James Sands, 22d February, 1775. Anstruther's.
Daniel Sinclair, 11th February, 1775. Gordon's—Inlisted.
James Campbell, 11th February, 1775. Strong's.
George Masters, 11th February, 1775. Swan's—Inlisted.

Gen. Scott's Regiment.

Privates.

Daniel Allen, 11th February, 1775.
John Campbell, 11th February, 1775.
John Dain, 11th February, 1775.
Samuel Eaton, 11th February, 1775.
John Hatfield, 11th February, 1775.
Jonathan Haywood, 11th February, 1775.
Will'm M'Donald, 11th February, 1775.
Alex'r M'Kinzie, 11th February, 1775.
Simon M'Kinzie, 11th February, 1775.
James Mansfield, 22d February, 1775. Inlisted.
Thomas Rigby, 16th July, 1776.
Thomas Jackson, 16th July, 1776.
Will'm Winter, 11th December, 1775.
John Caldwell, 11th December, 1775.
Hugh M'Kay, 11th December, 1775.
Angus Mathewson, 11th December, 1775.

Col. Templar's Regiment.

Cornelius Andrew, 11th December, 1775.
William Bradley, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Bodie, 11th December, 1775.
Robert Bowman, 11th December, 1775.
John Crooks, 11th December, 1775.
Samuel Crawford, 11th December, 1775.
Alexander Grant, 11th December, 1775.
John Jack, 11th December, 1775.
John Miller, 11th December, 1775.
James M'Cadie, 11th December, 1775.
John Nicoll, 11th December, 1775.
Thomas Ross, 11th December, 1775.
Henry Nimmo, 4th February, 1776.
David Morrison, 16th July, 1776.

Maj. Preston's Regiment.

Daniel Campbell, 11th December, 1775.
Peter Davis, 11th December, 1775.
John Finleson, 11th December, 1775.
David Gray, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Hughes, 16th July, 1776.
Math'w Hinch, 11th December, 1775.
Grigor M'Grigor, 16th July, 1776.
James Milliner, 11th December, 1775.
Thomas Matchett, 11th December, 1775.
John Russell, 11th December, 1775.
George Sands, 16th July, 1776.
Alex'r Stewart, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
Stephen Thompson, 11th December, 1775.
William Wilson, 16th July, 1776.

Capt. Anstruther's Regiment.

Allan Arthur, 11th December, 1775.
Alexander Brown, 11th December, 1775.
George Halkett, 11th December, 1775.
George Morrison, 11th December, 1775.
William Miller, 11th December, 1775.
William Patton, 11th December, 1775.
James Ross, 11th December, 1775.
John Thompson, 11th December, 1775.
William Williams, 11th December, 1775.
John Walker, 11th December, 1775.
William M'Culloch, 16th July, 1776.
John Lynaugh, 16th July, 1776.
John M'Donald, 8th May, 1776. Taken at Ticonderoga, 10th May, 1775.
John Eccles, 16th July, 1776. Taken at Ticonderoga, 10th May, 1775.

Capt. Delaplace's Regiment.

Robert Brown, 11th December, 1775.
George Cunningham, 11th December, 1775.
James Campbell, 11th December, 1775.
Daniel Campbell, 11th December, 1775.
Daniel Flanigan, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
William Lightbody, 11th December, 1775.
Robert M'Cown, 11th December, 1775.
Matthew Montgomery, 11th December, 1775.

William Marshall, 11th December, 1775.
John Scofield, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
John Sutherland, 11th December, 1775.
John Ross, 11th December, 1775.
John Turnbowl, 11th December, 1775.
Robert Watt, 11th December, 1775.
William Gray, 4th February, 1776.

Capt. Gordon's Regiment.

Thomas Harvey, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Ball, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Butler, 11th December, 1775.
Rob't Burrows, 11th December, 1775.
And'w Gray, 4th February, 1776.
Jam's Haws, 4th February, 1776.
Will'm Johnston, 11th December, 1775.
John M'Donald, 11th December, 1775.
Jam's Patterson, 11th December, 1775.
Henry Pinion, 11th December, 1775.
Jam's Wamboley, 11th December, 1775.
Jos. Williams, 11th December, 1775.
John Wilson, 11th December, 1775.
Jam's Doran, 27th August, 1776.
Jos. Wallace, 16th July, 1776.
Will'm Brandon, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
Sam'l Doxsy, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
Edw'd Justice, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.

Capt. Strong's Regiment.

Thos. Bridger, 11th December, 1775.
Pat'k Brady, 11th December, 1775.
Jam's Bridger, 11th December, 1775.
Thos. Dodamaid, 11th December, 1775.
Michael Dermott, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Davidson, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Gairns, 4th February, 1776.
Will'm Gilfoil, 11th December, 1775.
John Keys, 11th December, 1775.
Jam's Lindsay, 11th December, 1775.
John Morgan, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm M'Pherson, 11th December, 1775.
Alex'r M'Donald, 11th December, 1775.
Barnaby Naven, 16th July, 1776.

Geo. Ratcliff, 11th December, 1775.
Alex'r Swanson, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Sutherland, 11th December, 1775.

Capt. Stewart's Regiment.

Jos. Albait, 11th December, 1775.
Thos. Brien, 21st July, 1776.
Thos. Bond, 11th December, 1775.
Will'm Blackshaw, 11th December, 1775.
Thos. Batersby, 21st July, 1776.
Alex'r Braid, 11th December, 1775.
John Brown, 11th December, 1775.
John Bremner, 11th December, 1775.
Joseph Lee, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
Dan'l Flanagan, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
John Fegan, 11th December, 1775.
George Hides, 11th December, 1775.
James Livingston, 11th December, 1775.
James Norrett, 11th December, 1775.
Walter Scott, 11th December, 1775.
James Shephard, 11th December, 1775.
James Wilkinson, 11th December, 1775.
William Chatham, 11th December, 1775.

Capt. Levingston's Regiment.

Selv'r Cowlan, 21st July, 1776.
John Craney, 11th December, 1775.
Thos. Lee, 22d December, 1775.
James Norrie, 4th February, 1776.
Rob't Ross, 11th December, 1775.
David Robinson, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
Will. Sampell, 11th December, 1775.
Rich'd Wilscomb, 22d December, 1775.
Dan'l Watts, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
James White, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.

Capt. Swan's Regiment.

John Campbell, 11th December, 1775.
Math'w Davis, 11th December, 1775.
John Flanagan, 11th December, 1775.
John Gillis, 11th December, 1775.
Thos. M'Kinley, 11th December, 1775.
Charles M'Kay, 11th December, 1775.

John Russell, 11th December, 1775.
Rob't Richie, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
John Roarke, 11th December, 1775. Inlisted.
Hugh Sutherland, 11th December, 1775.
James Stewart, 11th December, 1775.
Andrew Walker, 4th February, 1776.
Thomas Nelson, 4th February, 1776.
Michael Rogers, 4th February, 1776.
Thos. Cullin, 16th July, 1776.

Taken in the River St. Lawrence 22d November, 1775—Time of Their Arrival in Lancaster.

Sergt. Maj'r Heacock, arrived at Lancaster, 16th July, 1776. Capt. Strong's.

Sergeants.

James Mason, 4th February, 1775. Templar's.
John M'Grigor, 16th July, 1776. Templar's.
John M'Donald, 16th July, 1776. Anstruther's.

Corporals.

John Weir, 4th February, 1776. Templar's.
Will'm Manson, 16th July, 1776. Anstruther's.
John Stevenson, 16th July, 1776. Delaplan.
Tim'th Sullivan, 16th July, 1776. Gordon's.
Barth'w Bull, 16th July, 1776. Strong's.
Will'm Craig, 16th July, 1776. Strong's.
John Ingles, 16th July, 1776. Swan's.

Drummers.

Will'm Imbrey, 10th May, 1776. Scott's.
Rob't Hunter, 10th May, 1776. Preston's.
James Simpson, 16th July, 1776. Stewart's.

Gen'l Scott's Regiment.

Privates.

David Loughead, 16th July, 1776.
George Sands, 16th July, 1776.
John Spencer, 16th July, 1776.
Will'm Hunter, 25th May, 1776.

Col. Templar's Regiment.

Thos. M'Donough, 4th February, 1776.
Henry Bowler, 16th July, 1776.
Dav'd Bailie, 16th July, 1776.
John Gunn, 27th August, 1776.

Maj. Preston's Regiment.

David Black, 16th July, 1776.
And'w Hays, 16th July, 1776.
Hugh Lamb, 16th July, 1776.
Peter Miller, 16th July, 1776.
James Mill, 16th July, 1776.

Capt. Anstruther's Regiment.

Dan'l Campbell, 16th July, 1776.
Robert Davis, 16th July, 1776.
John Fellows, 16th July, 1776.
Hugh Knox, 8th May, 1776.
Robert Ross, 8th May, 1776.
Will'm Imbrey, 8th May, 1776.
Dan'l Ross, 16th July, 1776.
David Spence, 16th July, 1776.
John Smith, 21st July, 1776.
James Watt, 21st July, 1776.

Capt. Delaplace's Regiment.

Hamilton Hannon, 21st July, 1776.
Will'm Adams, 16th July, 1776.
Dan'l Cox, 16th July, 1776.
David Davis, 16th July, 1776.
Alex'r Pratt, 16th July, 1776.
James Sinclair, 16th July, 1776.
Palden Tatlock, 16th July, 1776.
James White, 24th July, 1776.
George Gray, 10th May, 1776.

Capt. Gordon's Regiment.

John Edwards, 16th July, 1776.
Rob't Keating, 16th July, 1776.
John Oakley, 16th July, 1776.
John Webster, 16th July, 1776.

Capt. Strong's Regiment.

Benj'n Adams, 16th July, 1776.
Will'm Bake, 16th July, 1776.
Pat'k Brutton, 16th July, 1776.
Thomas Craig, 16th July, 1776.
John Dermott, 16th July, 1776.
Duncan M'Gregor, 16th July, 1776.
Michael Naven, 16th July, 1776.
Will'm Sutherland, 16th July, 1776.
John Neacock, 16th July, 1776.
Robert Stobo, 10th May, 1776.

Capt. Stewart's Regiment.

Joseph Ellice, 16th July, 1776.
Henry Freemantle, 16th July, 1776.
David Matthewson, 27th August, 1776.

Capt. Levingstone's Regiment.

Hugh Stewart, 16th July, 1776.

Col. Swan's Regiment.

Cuth't Harcup, 16th July, 1776.
John Stewart, 16th July, 1776.
John Downey, 21st July, 1776.

| Women. | Children. | Women. | Children. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Margaret Hunter, | 2 | Elinor Patterson, | 1 |
| Catharine Rigby, | 4 | Norry Doran, | 5 |
| Sarah Jackson, | 3 | Julian Wallace, | 3 |
| Jane Loughead, | 1 | Alice Sullivan, | 2 |
| Alice Imbrey, | 2 | Frances Edwards, | 2 |
| Christian M'Grigor, | None. | Ann Keating, | 1 |
| Bridget Mason, | 2 | Jane Oakley, | 2 |
| Margaret Nimms, | 3 | Elizabeth Scott, | 5 |
| Sarah Morrison, | 2 | Frances Gilfoil, | 2 |
| Mary Campbell, | None. | Ann Naven, | 3 |
| Grace Hughes, | 2 | Ann Ratcliff, | 3 |
| Mary M'Grigor, | 2 | Elizabeth Neacock, | None. |
| Elenor Sands, | 2 | Rebecca Bull, | None. |
| Elizabeth Wilson, | 4 | Hannah Craig, | None. |
| Elizabeth Halket, | 1 | Frances Adams, | None. |
| Sarah M'Culloch, | 3 | Sarah Craig, | 3 |

| Women. | Children. | Women. | Children. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bridget Lynaugh, | 1 | Ann Sutherland, | None. |
| Mary M'Donald, | 2 | Jane Stobo, | 5 |
| Margaret Miller, | 1 | Serj't Gay, | 5 |
| Elioner Knox, | 5 | Isabel Abbit, | 1 |
| Jane Ross, | 3 | Jane Brien, | 3 |
| Elizabeth M'Donald, | 2 | Rebecca Hides, | None. |
| Allise Fellows, | 1 | Mary Shephard, | None. |
| Elizabeth M'Fadin, | 1 | Jane Wilkinson, | None. |
| Jane Duglas, | 2 | Jane Eccles, | 1 |
| Pamelia Neil, | None. | Mary Cownlan, | 2 |
| Sarah Stevenson, | 4 | Thos. Lee, | 1 |
| Jane Sinclair, | 2 | Hannah Wilscomb, | 3 |
| Elizabeth M'Cowen, | 3 | Mary Stewart, | 3 |
| Mary Hunter, | 1 | Serj't Malcomb, | 2 |
| Elizabeth Miller, | None. | Mary Rogers, | None. |
| Mary Culbert, | None. | Mary Inglis, | 2 |
| Margaret Gray, | 2 | Mary Harcup, | None. |

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Return of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Privates, Men, Women and Children, in General Prescott's Company of his Majesty's Regiment of Royal Fuzileers, who were made Prisoners of War in Canada, and now dispersed in different parts of North America.

Taken at Chambly.

Lieut. Shuttleworth, Frederick Town.
Serj't Major Wood, Lancaster.
Corporal Walker, Connecticut.
Corporal Macleod, Connecticut.
Corporal Mowatt, Connecticut.
William Powell, Connecticut.
Thomas Ryley, Connecticut.
John Teal, Connecticut.
Peter Ward, Connecticut.
John Berry, Lancaster.
James Wood, Lancaster.
Stephen Cockin, Carlisle.
Joshua Edwards, Carlisle.
Mrs. Wood and three children, Lancaster.
Mrs. Mowatt and one child, Connecticut.

Mrs. Powell and one child, Connecticut.
Mrs. Teat and four children, Connecticut.
Mrs. Ward and three children, Connecticut.
Mrs. Berry and four children, Lancaster.
Mrs. Cockin, Carlisle, married since her husband was taken.

Officers, 1; non-commissioned officers, 4; privates, 8; women, 7; children, 16.

Taken at Montreal.

Joseph Newsham, Lancaster.
Joseph Hooling, Lancaster.
Robert Salter, Lancaster.
Matthew Ryley, inlisted with the Provincials.
Mrs. Coates and two children, Lancaster.

Privates, 4; woman, 1; children, 2.

Taken at St. Johns.

Serj't Coates, Lancaster.
Charles Dicks, Lancaster.
John Cook, Lancaster.
John Yellings, Lancaster.
Paul Edwards, Lancaster.
James Drinkwater, Lancaster.
William Mathews, Lancaster.
William Plucknett, Lancaster.
Jos'h Johnson, Lancaster.
Thomas Mather, Lancaster.
Robert House, Lancaster.
John Toogood, Carlisle.
Mrs. Toogood, married at Carlisle.
Mrs. Mather, married at Lancaster.

Non-commissioned officer, 1; privates, 11; women, 2.

Total—Officers, 1; non-commissioned officers, 5; privates, 23; women, 10; children, 18.

24th September, 1776, R'd Coates, Serj't.

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PETITION OF SOLDIERS TAKEN WITH CAPT. CAMPBELL.

Gentlemen:—We, His Majesty's soldiers, taken prisoners with our officers, Captain Campbell and Lieut. Syms, are under the necessity again of making application to you for some kind

of enlargement from this Gaol and would be Glad for such Terms as the Rest of his Majesty's Soldiers at Lancaster have at this present disturbance. We are willing to Give all the Satisfaction that may be Desired from Prisoners of War; that we will not Act Offensively untill we are Exchanged by Mutual Consent, or these Unhappy Disputes Subside. So, Gentlemen, if you Please to take this into Consideration, you will greatly oblige your Humble Servants.

Philadelphia Gaol, 18th February, 1776.

Hugh Morrison,
Edward Mulloy,
Richard Wilson,
Angus Cameron,
David Caswell,
Joseph Taylor,
Walter Goodfellow,
William Macleon,
Roderick M'Donald,
John M'Evier,
John M'Eachon,
John Murray,
Donald M'Leod,
Robert Sanderson.

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List of the Prisoners of War.

William Strutt, Mate,
Capt. Thos. Slater,
John Ryon,
Alexander Miller,
Breges Jones,
David Fish,
Edward Jones,
Morris Byrone,
Capt. William Goodrich,
Capt. Bridget Goodrich,
William Rumforde,
Robert Gray,
John Clearry,
William Roberts,
John Steel,
Thomas Lee,
Edward Antly,
Joseph Frost,
Thomas Dale,
John Conoly, Col'r goodease,
Lieut. Allen Camrone, same,
Doc'r John Smith, same,
Lieut. Neil M'Claine, same,
Richard Howard, Midshipman,
James Cockrell,
David Thomas,
Thomas Barnes, Light horse.
Joseph Curbey, Light horse,
John Barlow, Light horse.

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A List of the Sloop Edward's Crew.

Captain, Richard Bowdger,
John Dreaper, Mate.
John Johnston, Midshipman.
Isaac Burch,
Owen Humphries,
John Hinderson,
Robert Oyston,
Thomas Dopson,

William Fulton,
Seith Bowen,
Jacob Smith,
John Nesbit, left at Capt. Temithy Shler's, sick.
John Deyton,
John Palmour,
Richard Gibson,
John Doyle,
James Webb,
James Oglbey,
James Spencer,
Thomas Phillips, left at Meg'r Rich'd Weicot's, sick,
Jno. Wilson, left at Meg'r Rich'd Weicot's, sick,
Andrew Kelley, in the Sloop.
John Steed, in the Sloop.

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Account Prisoners on Board Capt. Bellow's Liverpool Man-of-War, June, 1776.

Francis Knox, Master.
Jno. Will'm Dean.
Hugh King, Master.
Jno. Verding,
Jos. Darby,
Sam'l Dodds,
Eman'l Dodds,
R'd Rollison,
Dav'd King, Mariner.
Cha's Johnson,
Jas. Colwell, Gent'n, a Pass'r.
Henry Geddice, do. do.
Wm. Adamson, Master.
Alex'r M'Donald, Mariner.
Christ'r Soman, do.
Jno. Manning, do.

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A List of the Prisoners Conducted Here by George Spangler, the 13th July, 1776.

1. Hugh Morrison,
2. William M'Lean,
3. David Canwell,
4. Walter Goodfellow,
5. Roderick M'Donald,
6. John Murray,
7. Donald M'Leod,
8. John M'Ever,

Except

9. Angus Cameron,
10. John M'Echan,

who are not yet come up.

THOS. ARMOR,
Clerk of the Committee of York County.

The above named Angus Cameron and John M'Echan Crossed Susquehanna ferry Sunday the 10th at four o'clock, to go to York town with a pass from the Committy of Lancaster.

## CAPT. PETER DUNDEE'S COMPANY.

Taken at St. Johns.

Captain Dundee.
Lieut. Despard.

Taken at Sorrel River.

Lieut. Cleaveland.

Taken at St. John's.

Sergt. Sutherland,
Corporal Stuart. Inlisted.
Corp'l Leaver,
Corp'l Crozel. Dead.
Drum'r Taylor,
David Adams,
And'w Bennett,
Wm. Bunn,
Jno. Carr,
Edw'd Crowder,
Wm. Dobson,
Wm. Ettenfield,
Jno. Farnal,
Jno. Gostick,
Thos. Holmes,
Thos. Kellow,
Rob't Miller,
Don'd Mackay,
David Murphy,
Alex'r Macloud, Sen'r.
Alex'r Macloud, Jun'r.
Don'd Macloud,
Jno. Nutter,
Josh. Petters,
Thos. Roberts,
Thos. Spencer,
Jno. Sutherland,
Josh. Starky,
Wm. Smith,
Rich'd Savery,
Jno. Thomas,
Wm. Trinniman,
Thos. Welsh,
Wm. Walker,
Rich'd Winnall,
Wm. Marchant. Inlisted.
Thos. Bunting. Inlisted.
Thos. Brown. Inlisted.

Taken on Sorrel River.

Sergeant Newton.

Taken at Chambly.

Wm. Ruston.
Wm. Rowden.
Josh. Jeffcoat.

Total—Captain, 1; Lieutenants, 2; and non-commissioned officers and private men, 42.

List of Prisoners of War in the State Prison of Philad'a, September 17, 1776.

Col. Thos. Rutherford,
Maj'r Alex'r M'Donald,
Capt. John M'Donald,
Angus M'Donald,
James M'Donald,
Alex'r M'Kay,
Alex'r Morrison,
Alex'r M'Leod,
John M'Leod,
Alex'r M'Leod,
Murdoch M'Askill,
Neill M'Arthur,
Thos. Weir,
John M'Kenzee,
John Legate,
Lieut. John Murchison,
Keneth M'Donald, Aid-de-camp.
Doct'r Murdock M'Leod,
John Smith, Adj't.
Donald M'Leod, Quarter Master.
John Bethune, Chaplain.

From North Carolina:

Doct'r Tasquhar Campbell,
Doct'r Michael Holt,
Negro Sampson, Serv't to Col. Rutherford.

From Virginia:

Col. John Connolly,
Lieut. Alan Cameron,
Dr. John F. D. Smyth.
Lieut. Neil M'Lean, from Canada.
Capt. Wm. Goodrich, of a Cruizer.

Seamen from Virginia:

Lieut. Andrew Miller,
Brdgers Jones,
R. Hardy,
A. Lybourne,
Wm. Stuart, Seaman belong'g to the Swan.
John Ryan, Seaman belong'g to the Roebuck,
Capt. Thos. Slater, of the Roebuck's tender.
Capt. David M'Culchen, of New York.
Messrs. James Fonest.
James Shanks.
Thos. Bryon.

Number in all—40.

R. JEWELL.

September 17th.

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In Committee of Inspection and Observation of Cumberland County at Carlisle, October 1st, 1776.

Gentlemen:—Agreeable to your Request signified to us by your letter of the 18th September, we send you an Acct. of the State Prisoners in this place, viz:

Capt. Kinneer,
New March,
Lieut. Dundee,
Bailie.

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Taken at Sorrel River.

Lieut. Cleaveland.

Taken at St. John's.

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Corporal Stuart. Inlisted.
Corp'l Leaver,
Corp'l Crozel. Dead.
Drum'r Taylor,
David Adams,
And'w Bennett,
Wm. Bunn,
Jno. Carr,
Edw'd Crowder,
Wm. Dobson,
Wm. Ettenfield,
Jno. Farnal,
Jno. Gostick,
Thos. Holmes,
Thos. Kellow,
Rob't Miller,
Don'd Mackay,
David Murphy,
Alex'r Macloud, Sen'r.
Alex'r Macloud, Jun'r.
Don'd Macloud,
Jno. Nutter,
Josh. Petters,
Thos. Roberts,
Thos. Spencer,
Jno. Sutherland,
Josh. Starky,
Wm. Smith,
Rich'd Savery,
Jno. Thomas,
Wm. Trinniman,
Thos. Welsh,
Wm. Walker,
Rich'd Winnall,
Wm. Marchant. Inlisted.
Thos. Bunting. Inlisted.
Thos. Brown. Inlisted.

Taken on Sorrel River.

Sergeant Newton.

Taken at Chambly.

Wm. Ruston. Wm. Rowden.
Josh. Jeffcoat.

Total—Captain, 1; Lieutenants, 2; and non-commissioned officers and private men, 42.

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Angus M'Donald,
James M'Donald,
Alex'r M'Kay,
Alex'r Morrison,
Alex'r M'Leod,
John M'Leod,
Alex'r M'Leod,
Murdoch M'Askill,
Neill M'Arthur,
Thos. Weir,
John M'Kenzee,
John Legate,
Lieut. John Murchison,
Keneth M'Donald, Aid-de-camp.
Doct'r Murdock M'Leod,
John Smith, Adj't.
Donald M'Leod, Quarter Master.
John Bethune, Chaplain.

From North Carolina:

Doct'r Tasquhar Campbell,
Doct'r Michael Holt,
Negro Sampson, Serv't to Col. Rutherford.

From Virginia:

Col. John Connolly,
Lieut. Alan Cameron,
Dr. John F. D. Smyth.
Lieut. Neil M'Lean, from Canada.
Capt. Wm. Goodrich, of a Cruizer.

Seamen from Virginia:

Lieut. Andrew Miller,
Brdgers Jones,
R. Hardy,
A. Lybourne,
Wm. Stuart, Seaman belong'g to the Swan.
John Ryan, Seaman belong'g to the Roebuck,
Capt. Thos. Slater, of the Roebuck's tender.
Capt. David M'Culchen, of New York.
Messrs. James Fonest.
James Shanks.
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Lieut. Dundee,
Bailie.

Taken at St. John's, November 3d, 1775.

Lieut. Peacocke, Lieut. Duff,
Despard, Hughs,
Anstruther, Andre,
Capt. Campbell.

Taken at Chambly, October 18th, 1775.

Lieut. Barrington.

Soldiers and Servants.

Samuel Bark, Robert Millar,
John Thomas, Will'm Mortimer,
Alex'r M'Leod, Joseph Horner,
William Craft, Stephen Kocking,
James Knight, John Toogood,
Thomas Low, Henry Bailey.

We are, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Humble Servants.
Signed by Order of the Committee.
GEO. STEVENSON, Chairman.
To the Council of Safety at Philadelphia.

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List of the Prisoners of War in the Town of Reading.

Taken at St. Johns, November 3d, 1775.

Of the 26th Regiment:
Maj'r Charles Preston.

Taken on the River St. Lawrence, November 18th.

Capt. Wm. Anstruther, Capt. Rowland Swan,
Capt. John Crawford, Doct'r H. Beaumont.
1 Corporal, 1 Drummer and 8 Privates.

Taken on the River St. Lawrence, November 19th.

Of the 47th Regiment:
Capt. Thos. Gamble, Ass't Q'r M'r Gen'l, and one private.

Taken at Chambly October 19th, 1775.

Of the Royal Fuzileers:
Lieut. Hamer.

Taken on the River St. Lawrence, November 18th.

Lieut. Cleveland and 3 privates.

Taken at St. Johns, November 3d, 1775.

Of the Royal Artillery:

Lieut. Schalck, Doct'r James Gill.
Capt. John Marr, Engineer.

Taken at New York.

Of the 59th Regiment:

Ensign Wm. M'Leod.

Taken on the River St Lawrence, November 19th.

Of the Navy:

Mr. Ryal, Master of ye Gaspee.

Taken at Point Levy, November 4th.

Mr. M'Kenzie, Midshipman of the Hunter.

Taken on the River St. Lawrence, November 19th.

Joseph Whitefield, Cook of the Gaspee.
James Carr, Foremastman.

Taken at Johnstown, January 18th, 1776.

From Tryon County, New York:

Allen M'Donell, Ronald M'Donell,
Allen M'Donell, Jun'r., Archibald M'Donell,
Alexander M'Donell, Wm. Falconer, taken Jan. 21st.

From North Carolina:

Lieut. Col. Allen M'Donell, and his son Alexander M'Donell, taken March 5th, 1776.

From Canada:

Mr. De lo Corne St. Luc, taken November 22d, 1775.
Major Campbell, November 20th, 1775.
Captain Fraser, November 25th.
Mr. Hertel de Bourville, y'e father, January 16th, 1776.
Hertel de Bourville, y'e son, November 3d, 1775.

Hertel de Braubassin, March 14th, 1776.
Nich's Bazin, November 22d, 1775.
Joseph Dejarlias, January 6th, 1776.
Joseph Hetier, March 1st.
Gabriel Hetier.
John Smith, November 20th, 1775.
Duncan Cameron.
——— Sutherland, October.
Thomas Donoghue, October 17th.

Reading, October 11th, 1776.

I do hereby certify that the aforegoing is an exact List of the Prisoners of War in the care of the Committee of the Town.

By Order of the Committee.

JAMES READ, Chairman.

To the Hon'ble the Council of Safety of the State of Pennsylvania.

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Return of Prisoners Lately at Bristol.

Rolle de Messieurs Les Officiers Canadien—Qui ont ete prison 8t Jean. Scrrvir.
Messieurs De Belestre, Col. Este Malade a Bristol.
De Longuevil, Major Este Malade a Bristol.

Captainman Este Malade id Este Malade a Bristol.

Duchesnay,
Des Chambeautt,
Lotbiniere,
herriaux.

Lieutenante Este Malade.

pertel,
La Madeleine,
Schmit,
St. Ours,
fleuriment,
Gamelin—Negociant.
Connanevur,
Giasson,
De Musseaux,
La Marque.

Trovis Domestique.

Joseph Le Brun,
Joseph Corgnac,
henry.

PRISTRIED BOLESTRY.

Bristol, le 9t November, 1776.

Return of Prisoners Exchanged December 8, 1776.

7th Regiment:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lieut. Cleveland, | Penn'a Rifle, | Lieut. Matthew Scott. |
| 2 privates. | | 2 privates. |

26th Regiment:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Major Preston, | 17th Continental Reg., | Major Browne.* |
| Capt. Livingston, | Penna'a Musketers, | Capt. Joseph Howell. |
| Gordon, | | John Nice. |
| Stron, | Pennsylvania Militia, | Joseph Heister. |
| Crawford, | | H. Hogenbouch. |
| Swan, | | Timothy Jayne. |

29 Regiment:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lieut. Thompson, | Pennsylvania Rifle, | Lieut. William Gray. |
| Willington, | | Luke Brodhead. |
| Ensign Thomas, | Penn'a Musketeers, | Ensign Michael App. |
| Dr. Beaumont, | Pennsylvania Rifle, | Dr. Joseph Davis. |
| 22 privates. | | 22 privates. |

47th Reg. R. Art'y:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Capt. Gamble, | Pennsylvania Militia, | Capt. Jacob Moser. |
| Lieut. Schalch, | Ist Batt'n N. York, | Lieut. Robert Troup. |
| Dr. Gill, | Pennsylvania Militia, | Capt. Garret Graff. |
| 2 privates. | | 2 privates. |

29th Regiment:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ensign Saunders, | Penn'a Musketeers, | Ensign Alex'r Huston. |
| 1 private, | | 1 private. |
| Eng'r Capt. Marr, | Massa's Continental, | Capt. Enoch Putnam. |
| Ensign M'Leod. | Penn'a Musketeers, | Ensign Septimus Davis. |

26th Regiment:

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| Captain Arnstruther—Major, 1; Captains, 9; Lieuts., 4; Ensigns, 3; Doctors, 2; Privates, 27. | Capt. Francis Murry: Major, 1; Captains, 9; Lieuts., 4; Ensigns, 3; Doctors, 2; Privates, 27. |

JOSEPH LORING, Commissary for Prisoners.

New York, 9th December, 1776.

Privates Exchanged.

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|---|---|
| John Elliot, | John Hodge, |
| James Gallather, | Samuel Dixon, |

*Taken on Long Island, not in arms. It is preposed that he be exchanged fo Major Wells, of Connecticut.

William M'Curdy,
William Pettegrew,
James Pettegrew,
John Moody,
Richard Wallace,
Michael Clarey,
Patrick M'Vay,
John Gordon,
Robert Caruthers,
Patrick Mulvany,
John M'Elney,
James Dugan,
Daniel M'Koy,
Hugh Barclay,
Christ'r M'Michael,
John Toorny,
William Coleman,
Michael Derry,
William M'Elwain,
Miles Noland,
Lawrence Erb,
Cornelius Brooks,
Caleb Oaks.

The above exchange took place this day. Witness my hand, December 9th, 1776.

SAMUEL MILES,
Colonel, Commanding Rifle Regiment.

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Headuarters, December 29th, 1776.

Return of Prisoners this day sent to the Council of Safety, at Philadelphia: 69 Serj'ts, 19 Drums and Fifes and 719 Privates.

EZEK'L CORNELL, A. A. Gen'l.

To the Committee of Safety, Philadelphia.

N. B. There are many straggling about Town, which will be sent forward as soon as they can be collected.

Prisoners of War.

British Sailors:

William Strut,
John Ryan,
Alexander Miller,
David Fish,
Morris Byron,
William Rumford,
William Roberts,
James O'Gelbey, Marine,
Watson Law,
John Pole,
Charles Smith,
William Cline,
Elija Achet.

Soldiers:

James Campbell,
Alexander M'Kenzie,
George Smith.

Light Horse:

Daniel Ryne,
Richard Parry,
Christopher Mercer,
John M'Ginnis,
Martin Dunker,
Lawrence Connolly,
Francis Hays,
John Welch,
William Branson, Artilleryman,
George Dowland, Ranger,
William Cliff, Ranger,
Rich'd Howard, Midshipman.

Soldiers:

Samuel Hall,
Finly Cheshelm,
John Harrison,
Samuel Cornish,
Samuel Stevenson,
Thos. Crouchwell,
William Shartlon,
Jonathan Flint,
Richard Peck,
William Cox,
Samuel Harris.

Light Horse:

Edward Nowland,
Thomas Prundergast,
John Lacraw,
George Willson,
Charles Murphy,
Robert Garnet,
Stephen Benwall,
Thomas Nugen,
James Eunoch,
Jonathan Dickson.

British Light Horse:

Daniel Hand,
David Cook,
William Honour,
Thomas Ford,
Thomas Smith,
John Gregora,
William Leeson,
John Webb,
Azeriah Shriggle.

17th Regiment:

Corporal Joseph Newton,
Michael Davis,
William Gordon,
John Hawkins,
Henry Dewar,
James Lamont,
Henry Simes,
Corporal William Smith,
Serj't William Davis,
William Atkinson,
John Ryland,
Samuel Lyster,
John Brewer,
John Harper,
John Rich,
John Watts,
James Beruge,
Thomas Newerham,
George Gilland, 44th Regiment,
James Massy, 49th Regiment,
Wm. Avoran, 49th Regiment,
Serj't M'Coy, 52d Regiment.

55th Regiment:

Serj't Frazer,
John Bishop,
William M'Intosh,
George Bright,
Edward Saul, Mariner,
John Smith,
Alexander Scott,
Richard Cansell,
Joseph Taylor,
John Johnson, Mariner,
Richard Waters, 40th Reg't,
Malcom Cannady, 71st Reg't:
Rob't Holbrook, 14th Regiment,
Thomas Ridly, 40th Regiment,
William Guest, 6th Regiment,
James Chandler, 6th Regiment,
James Johnson, 1st Regiment,
Peter Gee, 6th Regiment,
Chas. Lowmacks, 1st Regiment,
And. M'Namara, 27th Reg't,
Jacob Manly, 27th Regiment,
Alexander Ross, 14th Regiment,
James M'Harry, 4th Regiment,

British Soldiers:

John Watcase, 16th Regiment.

23d Regiment:

Serj't David Taylor,
Robert Ditton,
Thomas Williams,
William Stewart,
James Maxwell,
Gabriel Jackson,
Richard Barley, (a negro,)
William Robinson,
William Diass,
John Conway,
George Chambers,
Edward King,
John Man,
Samuel Marvel,
Thomas May,
Samuel Thompson,
William Gilbert,
John Kaid,
Donald M'Carter,
Richard Bonde,
Archy Askin,
William Crego,
Serj't William West, Marine.
Corporal William Drydon, 45th Regiment.

71st Regiment:

James Monrow,
James Frazer,
Dougle Ross,
James Frazen,
William Barks,
William Veesey.

42d Regiment:

John Awkward,
William Smith,
John Borland,
David Lowe.

3d Regiment of Guards:

James Pritchard,
Thomas Fieldhouse,
Thomas Sleaford,
George Head,
William Dunfee,
Thomas Bane,
Richard Baker, (Servant,)
John Gillet, 1st Regiment,
William Welch, 5th Regiment,
Philip Barnet, 28th Regiment,
William Grubb, 40th Regiment,
William Quail, 55th Regiment.

17th Regiment:

Serj't Mr. John Gray,
Joseph May,
James Cammeron,
Joseph Beoil,
David Morehead,
Ishmael Munday,
William Davidson,
Thomas Butter,
Richard Malcom,
Francis Charlot,
Patrick Ashmore,
James Davis,
Peter Martin,
Tobias Gwin.
George Buchannon and five women—170.

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Trentown, December 30th, 1776.

A list of prisoners sent to the Council of Safety at Philadelphia, to be disposed of as they shall think proper.

By order of His Excellency.

Daniel Ryne,
Rich'd Peny,
Christ'o Mercer,
Jno. Welch,
Francis Hays,
Jno. M'Ginnis,
Martin Dunken,
Larence Connely.

Wm. Palmer, a Commissary, hath given his parole, and will be treated as you shall think proper.

E. CORNELL, De't Gen'l.

To the Council of Safety, Philadelphia.

List of the several detachments of Artillery belonging to the Regiments of Losberg, Kniphausen and Rall, taken in the action at Trenton, the 26th of December, 1776, and now remaining Prisoners of war.

| No. | NAME OF THE DETACHMENTS. | Commis. officers | Non-commis. officers | Surgeons | Drums | Gunners | Matross | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Of the regiment of Losberg | . . . | 2 | . . | . . | 13 | 3 | 18 |
| 2. | Of the Regim't of Kniphouser | 1 | 2 | . . | . . | 14 | 2 | 19 |
| 3. | Of the Regim't of Rall | . . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | Total | 1 | 4 | . . | . . | 29 | 6 | 40 |

Note.—That exclusive of the above mentioned Prisoners, there are 3 Gunners wounded and 2 Gunners sick, who remained as Prisoners at Trenton.

F. FISCHER, Lieut. of Artillery.

Philadelphia, the 5th January, 1777.

Deserters from the Dutch Battalion Brought by Capt. Hizer:

Jonathan Hacket,
Frederick Fuller,
John Riblar,
Frederick Switser,
Michael Weaver,
Nicholas Beaver,
John Ditch,
Christopher Settelmire.

January 9th, 1777.

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A Liste of the Preaseoners, December the 27th.

1. Philip Brand,
2. Henrich Grebenteich,
3. George Schade,
4. Henrich Corel,
5. Johan Boc.
6. George Fleck,
7. Martin Ludolph,
8. Conrad Mestmacher,
9. Kaspar Klenekerfus,
10. Henric Eberdinck,
11. Henrick Berles,
12. Friderick Becher,
13. Henric Wagner,
14. Carl Hartman,
15. Wilhelm Harkenberg,
16. Carl Falckman,
17. Henric Keerl. Chirurgeon.
18. Carl Beckmejer. Chirurgeon.

19. Christian Mejier,
20. Henric Woodman,
21. Niclaus Henckel,
22. Dieterich Thoma,
23. Wilhelm Kock,
24. Henric Hartwic,
25. Gerhardt Hansfing,
26. Johannes Roes,
27. Anton Morman,
28. Jacob Fric,
29. Johannes Ruhl,
30. Wilhelm Rupe,
31. Henric Rupe,
32. Andreas Becher,
33. Andreas Sehoenewald,
34. Rebecca Ahlhausen. Wumen.
35. Shemes Malaede. Dori.
36. Thomas Rerisohert. Neger.

December the 28th Day:

37. Johannes Geisler,
38. Andreas Ariacke,
39. Frideric Liebe,
40. Martin Wetloser, Corporal.
41. Jacob Rohling,
42. Henric Luders,
43. William Brandson,
44. Johannes Vestweber,
45. Friderick Berker,
46. Catharina Wetlosern,
47. Elizabeth Sepwebeln,
48. William Saefer. Neger.
49. Johann Staude,
50. Striftoph Hering,
51. Frideric Rusmuller,
52. Henrich Herbold,
53. Conrad Schenck,
54. Peter Mull,
55. Cetlin Nellmejerin,
56. Wilhelmina Clausin.

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List of the Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers and Privates of the Regiment of Losberg, now Prisoners of War.

| No. | COMPANIES NAMES. | Commis. officers | Non-commis. officers | Surgeon | Drums | Privates | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | First Company, | 1 | 7 | . | 3 | 46 | 57 |
| 2. | Lieuten't Col. Scheffer. | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 38 | 48 |
| 3. | Captain of Altenbockum, | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 37 |
| 4. | Major of Hanstein. | 3 | 6 | . . | . . | 39 | 48 |
| 5. | Vacant. Colonel | 3 | 6 | . . | 1 | 47 | 57 |
| | Total | 9 | 31 | 2 | 6 | 199 | 247 |

Middle and under Staff.

1 Adjutant. 1 Drum Major. 5 Hautboys.

Names of Officers.

1. Lieut. Col. Scheffer,
2. Major of Harnstein,
3. Captain Steding,
4. Lieut. Keller,
5. Piel,
6. Lieut. Moller,
7. Ensign von Hobe,
8. Graebe,
9. von Zengen,
10. Hendorff.

Killed in Trenton, the 26th December, 1776.

1. Capt. Rice,
2. von Benning,
3. Lieut. Kimm.

Wounded—these remained in Trenton.

1. Capt. von Altenbockum,
2. Lieut. Schwabe,
3. Lieut. Zoll.

F. SCHEFFER, Lieut. Colonel.

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List of the Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers and Privates of the Regiment of Knyphausen, now Prisoners of War.

| No. | COMPANIES NAMES. | Commis. officers | Non-commis. officers | Surgeons | Drummers | Privates | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.. | First Company | 1 | 5 | . | . . | 48 | 54 |
| 2.. | Col. von Borck | 1 | 3 | . . | 2 | 49 | 55 |
| 3.. | Lieut. Col. von Minigerode | 2 | 5 | . . | 2 | 62 | 71 |
| 4.. | Major von Dechow | . . . | 5 | . . | 1 | 46 | 52 |
| 5.. | Capt. von Biesenrodt | 2 | 7 | . . | 1 | 52 | 62 |
| | Total | 6 | 25 | . . | 6 | 257 | 294 |

Middle and under Staff.

1 Adjutant. 1 Judge. 1 Hautboy.

Names of Officers.

1. Capt. von Biesenrodt,
2. von Loewenstein,
3. Lieut. Wiederhold,
4. Sobbe,
5. Lieut. von Ferry,
6. Ensign Fuhner,
7. von Drach.

Wounded in Newtown.

1. Major von Dechon, remained at Trenton.
1. First Company, Bast, Jun'r,
2. Col. Kneise,
3. Corell,
4. Imberger,
5. Lieut. Col. Krapp,
6. Major Sohn,
7. Capt. von Beisen, Jung.

VON BIESENRODT, Capit.

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List of the Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers and Privates of the Grenadier Regiment of Rall, now Prisoners of War.

| No. | COMPANIES NAMES. | Commis. officers | Non-commis. officers | Surgeons | Drums | Privates | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.. | First Company | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 45 | 59 |
| 2.. | Lieut. Col. Kohler | ... | 6 | .. | 3 | 47 | 56 |
| 3.. | Lieut. Col. Brethauer | ... | 2 | . | 2 | 47 | 51 |
| 4.. | Major Mateus. | .. | 4 | | 2 | 56 | 62 |
| 5.. | Captain Bocking | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 58 | 69 |
| | Total | 5 | 25 | 2 | 12 | 253 | 287 |

Middle and under Staff.

1 Adjutant.
4 Hautboys.

Names of y'e Officers.

Lieut. Col. Brethauer.
Major Mateus,
Capt. Brubach,
Lieut. Salzmann,
Lieut. Kinen,
Ensign Fleck,
Ensign Kleinschmit,
Ensign Schroder.

Killed.—Col. Rall, 26th December, at Trenton.
Wounded.—Liuet. Sternickel, 26th December, at Trenton.
Missing.—Ensign Kinen.

D. BRETTHAUER, Lieut. Colonel.

Postscript.—We cannot answer for the exactness of these Lists, because the Night before the Troops have marched to Lancaster, some Privates have joined them. Our request to re-

main with the Subalterns and Privates, and march along with them to Lancaster, having been denied. We are going this day towards Baltimore.

F. SCHEFFER.

Philadelphia, 6th January, 1777.

N. B. If any Letters directed to Officers' prisoners should come to hand, it is most humbly requested to deliver them to Col. Melcher, who will forward the same.

V HANSTEIN.

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Tradesmen among the Hessian Prisoners at Lancaster, 10th January, 1777.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Smiths, | 16 | Stocking weavers, | 7 |
| Carpenters, | 15 | Musicians, | 2 |
| Distillers, | 1 | Combmaker, | 1 |
| Bakers, | 6 | Window makers, | 2 |
| Weavers, some linen, and some woolen, | 82 | Nailsmiths, | 2 |
| Wagon makers, | 15 | Gardener, | 1 |
| Weavers of worsted shalloons, &c., | 3 | Tanners, | 2 |
| Weavers of flowered linens, | 2 | Coopers, | 4 |
| Shoemakers, | 38 | Barber, | 1 |
| Tailors, | 49 | Slaiter, | 1 |
| Butchers, | 9 | Thatcher, | 1 |
| Masons, | 12 | Knifemaker, | 1 |
| Joiners, | 10 | Horseshoer, | 1 |
| Plaisterers, | 7 | Bookbinders, | 2 |
| Tilemaker, | 1 | Huntsman, | 1 |
| Pipemakers, | 2 | Britches maker, | 1 |
| Riflemaker, | 1 | Dyers, | 2 |
| Silversmith, | 1 | Locksmiths, | 4 |
| Limeburners, | 2 | Stone cutter, | 1 |
| Millers, | 6 | | 215 |

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Prisoners at Lancaster, of the Hessians.

Artillery, 39 men; of the Regiment of Losberg, 234 men; of the Regiment of Knyphausen, 291 men; of the Ralischer Grenadiers, 266 men.

Total, 830 men and a few women and children, per Serjeant's returns.

A List of Prisoners.

Capt. Heyser's Comp'y:

Frederick Locher,
Michael Fegley,
Jacob Huver,
Alexander Seler,
John Krafft.

Capt. Kissort's Company:

John Cole,
Conrad Reyly.

Capt. Fister's Company:

Adam Charles.

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List of Prisoners sent to Philadelphia under the care of Capt. James Rogers.

Headquarters, Morris Town,
January 30th, 1777.

71st Regiment:

Samuel Frazier,
James Monroe,
James Mapuce, wounded and left behind.
Dougle Ross,
William Vessie,
William Banks,
James Frazier,
Philip Barrett, 28th Regiment,
William Quaile, 55th Regiment,
William Welch, 5th Regiment,
Jno. Grubb, 40th Regiment,

3d Regiment:

Thomas Fieldhouse,
James Pritchard,
George Heard,
Thomas Sleeford,
Jno. Gillett,
William Dryden, 45th Reg't.

42d Regiment:

Jno. Urchard,
Jno. Boland,
William Smith,
Dav'd Lowe,
Rich'd Baker, an officer's Serv't.
William Weft, Marine.

Geo. Harvey, a Deserter, recommended to Col'o. Moyland.
James Brown, a Deserter, to be sent to Lancaster and then set at Liberty.

G. WEEDON, Adj't Gen'l.

List of British Prisoners of War, in the State Prison at Philadelphia, 25th April, 1777.

17th Regiment:

1. Serj't Maj'r John Gray,
2. William Davidson,
3. William West,
4. John Ryder.

42d Regiment:

5. Alex'r M'Lane,
6. George Gordon,
7. Daniel M'Intire,
8. John M'Intire,
9. George Munro,
10. Malcum Fraser,
11. James Ross,
12. Peter Morton,
13. Angus M'Pherson,
14. David Munro.
15. Thos. Barnes, 45th Regim't.
16. John Newman, 46th Reg't.

55th Regiment:

17. John Clow,
18. John Daiman.

33d Regiment:

19. John Varley,
20. James Lakey,
21. Thomas Branford,
22. Patrick White,
23. Thomas Ward,
24. Joseph Driver.

71st Regiment:

25. Alex'r Cameron, Serg't,
26. Alex'r Dhosen,
27. William Arguhart,
28. Daniel Stewart,
29. James Murdoch,
30. Alex'r Guild,
31. Alex'r M'Intire,
32. James Bassett,
33. Daniel Bean,
34. Duncan M'Afee,
35. James Hayslip.

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Account of Baggage belonging to Officers of the Ministerial Troops at Boston, taken from on board the Ship Hope, Captain Curwin, from Cork, the 12th August last.

William Stapleton, 22d Regiment:

One large Chest, containing 1 Field Bedstead, Mattress, a suit of curtains, 1 pair Blankets, bolster & pillow. One Trunk —1 Bedquilt, 8 pr. Shoes, 1 case Instruments, 18 Shirts, 11 Stocks, 1 scarlet Coat; Coat, Westcoat & Breeches, Cloth colour; 2 Westcoats & 2 pr. Breeches of Buff Cassimer; 1 Coat, 2 Jackets & 1 pr. Breeches, of Black Cloth; 1 Coat & Westcoat, Claret colour; 1 Jacket & 1 pr. Breeches, Buff Casimer, with lining,

not made up; 6 pr. Brown hemp Stockings, 10 pr. white thread Stockings, 2 pr. yarn Stockings, 5 pr. silk Stockings, 2 pr. sheets, 2 pillow cases, 1 embroider'd Silk Westcoat, 1 Table Cloth, 1 Towel, 2 Night Caps, 2 papers of Coat & West Buttons, 2 pr. worked Ruffles, 2 worked Chitterlings, 1 pr. Ruffles, 1 Chitterling, (old.) 2 old Muslin Handkerchiefs, 1 pr. linen Drawers, 5 bound books, 1 pamphlet and 1 Memorandum Book.

Lieutenant Keogh, 44th Regiment:

One large Portmanteau, containing 1 other large Portmanteau.

James Morrison, 42d Regiment:

One Box, containing a fragment of old Linen, 3 Shirts, 2 pr. of old Cassimer Breeches, 1 pair old woolen Breeches, 2 pr. thread & 1 pr. woolen Stockings, 1 old blue Coat, 1 old Regimental Hat, 3 pr. black Stocks, 1 pair Linen save-alls. One small box within the above, containing 1 old silver stock buckel, 1 pr. silver paste knee Buckles, about 1¼ yards narrow Silver lace, and sundry accounts and loose papers.

Not directed, 1 case of 12 Gallon Bottles.

Capt. Moore or Lieut. Hubbard, 45th Regiment:

One box, containing 1 bundle, cont'g 6 pr. women's worsted shoes, directed for Capt. Graham, 45th Regiment; 1 light colour'd Claret Woman's Gown & pettycoat; 1 Hat Box, directed to Capt. Hussard, 44th Regiment, containing 1 silver laced Hat & 2 plain, do., 3 silver Epolets & 1 buff sword belt; 1 Bundle, directed to Captain Moore, containing 2 yards superfine scarlet cloth, 1 yd. and ⅛ of white cassimer, 4½ yds. white Rattinet, 4 yds. of white linen for lining, a small remnant of green cloth, 1 yd. of white linsey, 14 white Blankets, 4 doz. white Regimental Coat Buttons, 2 waste whited thread, silk & Mohair, and one pr. silk knee Garters; 1 bundle, directed for Lieut. Hubbard, 45th Regiment, containing 2 yds. superfine Cloth, 1 Remnant of Green Cloth, 2¾ yds. white cloth, 7 yds. white Rattinet, 12 yards white drillen; 1 bundle, directed to Surgeon Gillespie, containing 1¾ yds. superfine scarlet cloth, 1 yd. white cloth, 2⅜ yds. superfine brown cloth, 4 yards of Brown Rattinet, 5 yards white, do., 4 yards white Linen, 4 doz. Regimental Coat Buttons; 1 bundle, directed to Ensign Hassard, 44th Regiment, containing 1¾ yds. superfine scarlet cloth, 3½ yards, ditto, 1 yd. white, do., ⅝ yd. of yellow cloth, 4½ yds. white Rattinet, 9 yards, do., 11 doz. Regimental Coat Buttons, 3 doz. white, do., 27½ yds. white Linen.

Ensign Piercy, 45th Regiment:

One box, containing 1 piece Linen, 22½ yards, 6 shirts and a fragment of Linen; 1 box, containing 14 yds. narrow Green Camblet, directed to Mr. Morlan, 1 piece superfine white Jean, containing 5¾ yards, 1 piece, ditto, containing 7 yards, 1 piece coarse yard wide Linen, containing 6½ yards, 1 piece coarse Green Baize, containing 6 yards.

George Cleghorn, 22d Regiment:

One trunk, containing 1 case Instruments, part of a sword belt, old black Cravat, 1 small box with powder & puff, 1 shoe horn, 1 cork screw, tweezers, 1 black lead pencil, 1 penknife, 1 brass lock for saddle bags, Silver Hat loop, Buff ball & Chalk, 1 old Ruffle, 1 Book, Tea chest with a pair of old Gloves, a bundle of old Rags, 8 Shirts, 8 pr. thread & three pr. worsted Stockings, 1 pr. yarn, do., 6 Towels, 6 pillow cases, 1 piece yd. wide Irish Linen, 1 piece Irish Linen, directed to Mr. Cunningham, 22d Regiment, 1 pair sheets; 1 old ragged shirt, 1 pr. casimer Breeches, 1 casimer Wastecoat, 1 superfine scarlet Cloth Coat, 1¾ yds. superfine scarlet Cloth, 1½ yards superfine Broadcloth, 5¾ yards buff Rattinet, 4 yards white Linen, 1 breast belt and 2 cuffs, 1 pr. sheets, 23 bound Books and a number worthless pamphlets; 1 canvas Portmanteau, containing 3 Blankets, 1 Coverlid, Mattress, 1 curtain for a field bed, 1 bolster and pillow; one box painted red, containing 1 field Bedstead, 1 child's gun, 1 pair foils, 1 horse whip, 6 pr. Shoes, 1 small picture frame.

Philadelphia, 23d November, 1775.

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## PAROLE OF MAJOR FRENCH, 22d REGIMENT.

I, Christopher French, Major of His Majesty's Regiment of Foot, a prisoner in the power of the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania, and being kindly treated and protected by them, and enlarged on parole, Do Hereby solemnly promise and engage on the Honor of a Soldier and Gentleman, that I will not bear arms against the American United Colonies in any manner whatever for the space of twelve months, or until I may be exchanged; nor will I during that

time, take any measures to give intelligence to General Gage or the British Ministry, or to any person or persons whatever relative to American affairs, but will proceed with all convenient expedition to the Camp of General Washington, and submit myself to his further directions; and that I will not directly or indirectly attempt to procure any person or persons whatever to rescue me, and that I will not go on board any British Ship of War during the continuance of my engagement not to bear arms.

CHRIS. FRENCH.

Philadelphia, 21st August, 1775.

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## PAROLE OF MAJOR ROBERT ROGERS.

I, Robert Rogers, Major on half pay in His Majesty's army, a prisoner in the custody of the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania, and being kindly treated and protected by them and enlarged on parole, do hereby solemnly promise and engage on the Honor of a Soldier and a Gentleman, that I will not bear arms against the American United Colonies in any manner whatever, during the present contest between them and Great Britain; and that I will not in that time attempt to give intelligence to General Gage, the British Ministry, or any other person or persons of any matters relative to America.

ROBERT ROGERS, Major.

Philadelphia, 23d September, 1775.

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## FROM HERTEL DE BOURVILLE TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

Dear Sir:—I have been informed by your Cousin, Jacques Biddle, of your good intentions towards my son, but that he had made you observe that it would more for the advantage of the family was the father exchanged.

Without meaning, Sir, to injure my son, you would much oblige me in procuring my Exchange if possible! if I get

home I would be of use to him, whereas he alone exchanged, would not be of the same use to me and my family; and if I was to be at Liberty to go to Canada by the lakes it would be much more agreeable, as that would bring me sooner to my family.

You may be assured that I will never forget such a service.

I will be obledged to you, Sir, to present my respects to Mistress Biddle, to your respectable father, and Ladies, your sisters, and be persuaded that I am, with regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Most Obedient Serv't,

HERTEL DE BOURVILLE, father.

Reading, the 27th Xber, 1776.

My son presents you and your family his best compliments.

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## PASSPORT OF A BRITISH PRISONER.

Committee Chamber,
Newark, December 25th, 1775.

Gentlemen:—The Bearer, Mr. Jonathan Sayers, will deliver into your Care a Man and his wife who were taken Prisoners at St. Johns; they came to this Place with the other Prisoners, on their way to Philadelphia, some time past. But the woman being taken ill here, was left behind with her husband. The Doctor who attended her is of opinion that she is sufficiently recovered to be sent forward to Philadelphia, and you will be pleased to provide another Conveyance to go forward with her to Brunswick, Princeton, or Trenton, as you shall Judge expedient.

We are, Gent'n,

Your very H'ble Servt's.

By order of the Comm'dre of Correspondence,

LEWIS OGDEN, Chairman.

To the Gent'n of the Committee at Woodbridge.

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Gentlemen:—Agreeable to the Request of Mr. Ogden, I have forwarded the persons mentioned on ye other side to your City. You'l please forward them to their Place of Destination.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your very Humb'e Serv't,

MOSES BLOOMFIELD, Chairman.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee, New Brunswick.

Agreeable to the Request of Messrs. Ogden & Bloomfield, I herewith send you the persons mentioned in Mr. Ogden's letter, who you will please to forward to the next Committee and so on to their place of Destination.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Humb'e Serv't,

JOHN DENNIS, Chairman.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Princetown.

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JON'N BALDWIN, Chairman.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Trenton.

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The Soldier and his wife mentioned in Mr. Ogden's letter, is now sent to the Committee of Bristol, to be forwarded to Philadelphia. Trenton, December 29th, 1775.

SAM'L TUCKER,

Chairman of Trenton Committee.

To the Committee of Bristol.

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The Soldier and his wife, within mentioned, are sent to the Committee of Bensalem.

JOS. M'ILVAINE,

One of the Bristol Committee.

To the Committee of Bensalem.

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Please to forw'd the within named soldier and his wife on their way to Philadelphia. Bensalem, 29th December, 1775.

I. KIDD, Committeeman.

To the Committee of Lower Dublin.

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To Rob. Struft Jones:—

The above persons within or above mentioned, I have forwarded from the Township of Lower Dublin, to the Care of your Committee, the place Directed. December 30th, 1775.

ROB. LEWIS, Jun.

To the Committee of Philadelphia.

## LIEUT. CARTER TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia Gaol, 2d March, 1776.

Gentlemen:—You must be sensible of the inefficacy of your Resolves touching my discharge, from the very Disagreeable Confinement, owing to the late determination of Congress—as it appeared to me that you were willing to enlarge me, provided I immediately departed the Continent. I should be much obliged to you for such terms, and I shall, with the utmost dispatch, Proceed to Pensacola, New Orleance, or any other Port you may Judge proper, when I make no doubt of procuring a passage for Europe; & for that purpose would be much obliged to you for your Passport, and am, Gentlemen,

Your Most Obed't Hbl'e Serv't,

CHRIST. CARTER.

To the Committee of Safety, Philadelphia.

## THE COMMITTEE TO DR. BENSELL.

19th April, 1776.

Sir:—Lieut. Boger and Mr. John Draper, who are Prisoners of war, being suffered to reside in Germantown, on their Parole, a Copy of which is inclosed, we request you would endeavor to procure them Lodgings on the most reasonable Terms. They will be allowed fifteen shillings each, for their subsistance. Your order on this Board for that amount, from time to time, on their behalf, will be paid. The Gentlemen of the Committee in your Town, will see that those officers conduct themselves agreeable to the terms of their Parole. Any letters they choose to write, must be delivered open to some of your Committee to be shown to this board before they are sent away.

To Doct'r Chas. Bensell, Germantown.

## THE COMMITTEE TO THE OFFICER OF THE BARRACKS.

3d July, 1776.

Sir:—It being judg'd expedient to remove Lieutenants Boger and Ball, Prisoners of war, stationed at Germant'n, from that place to York Town, and those Gentlemen having refused to give the Parole required of them previous to their removal and necessary upon that occasion, you are hereby required to order a discreet officer with a suitable guard, to proceed to Germantown and take into Custody the said Lt's Bager and Ball, if they still refuse to sign the Parole, convey them forthwith to York Town, and there deliver them to the keeper of the Common Gaol to be safely kept until this Committee or the honbl'e Congress shall discharge them. Provided, that if the said officers shall freely sign the Parole, the officer may send back the Guard and proceed with s'd Prisoners to York Town, and deliver them to the Care of the Committee, there to reside agreeable to the terms thereof.

To the Commanding officer of the
Provincial Troops at the Barracks.

## LIEUT. CUPPAIDGE TO THE COMMITTEE.

Lebanon, 13th May, 1776.

Sir:—Though I have not the Honor of knowing you, I am persuaded that you and the Gentlemen of the Board at which you preside will treat those whom the chance of war has put in your power, with every indulgence consistent with propriety; none other would I wish to ask. I will beg leave to inform you that the Quarters we are to have in this town are not even in the least degree commodious; that I have some accounts to settle with an officer of the Reg't to which I belong at York Town, and urg'd by a desire of being in the same Town with those with whom I would particularly wish to live and with whom I have been made Prisoners, I have to request that the Committee of Safety will be so good as to permit me to reside at York Town. I beg sir, you will be kind enough to acquaint

me with the result of my application, and that if I have permission to go there, you will be so good as to inform the Gentlemen of the Committee at this Town, that I have such permission.

I am, sir, with respect,

Your Obed't Servant,

GEORGE CUPPAIDGE, Lieut. 26th Reg't.

To R. Morris, Esq., Pres't Com. Safety, Philadelphia.

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## LIEUT. CAMERON TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia Gaol, 6th June, 1776.

Gentlemen:—The injury which my health hath sustained from my long and close confinement, induced the Congress to admit of my walking two hours daily for the benefit of exercise, and at the same time I was refer'd to you in case I had any further application to make—a parole I ever expected as due to my unfortunate condition, and such you might be assured would be sufficiently obligatory upon me. If judged otherwise, I request the favour of being permitted to go into the room with Gen'l M'Donald, and some other of my acquaintance. with whom I think the time would pass more agreeable, and consequently make life somewhat more comfortable. In comply'g with either the former or the latter, you will oblige, Gentlemen,

Your most Ob't Humble Serv't,

ALAN CAMERON.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee, Philadelphia.

## LIEUT. CAMERON TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia Gaol, 8th June, 1776.

Gentlemen:—To my application a few days ago, I have seen your agreeable answer this morning in the hands of Mr. Dewees, for which I return you thanks. But I must acquaint you, that unless I submit to Dewees' impositions as I have done hitherto, that I cannot expect even the benefits of your particular orders; and disagreeable as it is, I am under the necessity of stateing his accompts and of transmitting copies of his insulting notes to me at different times, which I think, Gentlemen, will sufficiently convince you of the treatment I have received and still continue to receive from him; you must be very sensible, Gent'n, that a man in my situation cannot procure money every time that the Jailer thinks proper to bring in his exhorbitant Bills against him, nor do I think that he has a right to a farthing from me, as I am credibly informed that you make a sufficient allowance for me. Liquors or anything elese that I would call for, I would willingly pay for, and indeed I would have borrowed the money to pay off his acc't to-day as I have done heretofore, if he had not used me exceedingly ill, as you may see by his note, trampling thereby upon the validity of your order, and adding the utmost insult to his tyrannical exhorbitancy. You will please to observe in his last acc't he charges me with fire, which I have not seen but twice in this room since I discharged his first accompt. Thus I must run myself in debt to answer his demands every time he wants money, otherwise starve or at best, to live upon bread and water as one of my fellow sufferers now does, who has not a friend or relation to supply him. I wish, Gentlemen, you would remedy these grievances & let me know in what manner I am to subsist, agreeable to which I shall hereafter regulate myself; the peculiarity of my confinement puts it out of my power to serve myself even with water, and therefore I make no doubt that you will give such orders in future as may prevent such palpable abuse and inhumanity. I shall also be much obliged to you to transmit a letter of mine to Lord Dunmore, which shall be open for your inspection. I need not expect to go up stairs until I hear from you. In expectation of either hearing from you or seeing some of you,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your most Ob't Humble Serv't.

ALAN CAMERON.

(No. 1.) Alan Cameron,

To. Thos. Dewees, Dr.

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| To diet from the 3d January, to 28th April, 16 weeks and 4 days, @ 10s., | £8 | 7 | 1 |
| To 16 weeks and 4 days, fire and candles, @ 5s., | 4 | 3 | 2½ |
| Barr acc't, | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| | £14 | 16 | 6½ |
| By cash received, | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| Rec'd April 28th, the above in full, | £7 | 13 | 6½ |

Per THOS. DEWEES.

N. B. The above cash that he credits me for, was given him to be delivered to me, which he refused in the most affrontful manner. A. C.

No. 2.) Mr. Cameron, unless you pay off your bill with me this day, you need not expect any subsistence further from me.

I am Yours, &c.,

THOS. DEWEES.

N. B. You'l please to take notice that I shall sell your pistols, &c., to pay myself.

No. 3.) Mr. Cameron,

To. Thos. Dewees, Dr.

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| To your diet from the 28th April, to the 8th June, 5 weeks and 6 days, | £2 | 17 | 6 |
| To fire and candles, 15s.; 1 bottle wine, 6s.; punch, 7s. | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| | £4 | 0 | 6 |

Mr. Cameron:

Sir:—I shall expect you'll pay off the Bill before you go up stairs, as it is a separate accompt, and I am very much in want of money.

THOS. DEWEES.

## ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.

"In the Committee of Safety,
Philadelphia, 13th June, 1776.

"Resolved, That Lieut. Borger the 2nd, and Lieut. George Ball, now Prisoners at Germantown, be removed from thence to the town of York, and that the Committee of that County take the usual Parole of them, and procure them suitable Boarding and Lodgings, and that the said Committee pay for their subsistence 15s. for each, and draw on this Board for the same."

Extract from the Minutes,
WM. GOVETT, Sect'y.

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## CAPT. PALMER TO THE COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety:

The Memorial of William Palmer, Esq., a Commissary in His Majesty's service, now a Prisoner in the New Gaol of Philadelphia, Sheweth: That your Memorialist has been closely confined in the said Joal since the committal of your Honours, and that your Memorialist desirous of a Releasement from his said Imprisonment, in hopes of meeting with that Linity and Indulgence so natural to your Honours, presumes offering for your Memorialest's said Releasement, the following conditions vizt:

That should it please your Honours to consent to your Memorialist's Releasement by way of exchange, your Memorialist if permitted, will apply by Letter to the Commissary General, or His Excellency General Howe, for his Exchange, pursuant to such Terms as may be mutually agreed upon by your Honours and his said Excellency, or should your Honours be pleased to confide on the Candor and sincerity of this your Memorialist's said conditions of Releasement so hereby humbly submitted to your powers, being willing to enter into any Reasonable Paroll for that purpose, will promise & Engage

to send in Exchange for your Memorialist any such person so agreed upon. But should it please your Honors to object to these, your Memorialist said proposals, that your Memorialist may be permitted upon his Paroll to remain at Large or discharged from his said Imprisonment untill such exchange can be had or carried into Execution.

That your Memorialist is Induced to believe, from the aforesaid reasonable proposals so offered by this his said Memorial for your Honours Consideration, and of meeting with a favourable reception and Determination thereon; the like President and Indulgence having been recently granted and allowed by his Excellency, General Howe, in favour of Gen'l Sullivan in the Continental service, and from your Honours consideration of the distressed situation and inconveniency your Memorialist must naturally lie under for the want of common necessaries, (as that of Money,) not having a second shirt or change of apparel of any sort, tho' your Memorialist was most faithfully assured by Sev'l Gentlemen of undoubted honour and viracity, and which your memorialist did not otherwise consider; that his Bedding, Cloths, Linen, some family papers, &c., which your Memorialist had left at Trenton, and then in the Custody of a Col. Read, notwithstanding such assurances, none of which your Memorialist has ever since Received, and your Memorialist having but Little Money in his possession when so taken a prisoner, or friends to supply him with such here, and being at present in a very indifferent state of health, therefore hopes of meet'g with that Indulgence and humanity so necessarily shewn and granted to persons in your Memorialist's situation, as well as from his rank and Condition in Life, your memorialist most faithfully assuring your honours that the condition of Releasement from his present confinement so hereby humbly submitted to your honours, are only from the strictest principles of honour, and not through any other motive or view whatsoever.

May It, therefore, Please your Honours to take this your Memorialist's said Memorial into Consideration, and make such determination thereon for your Memorialist's present relief, as in your Judgment and humanity shall seem fit, And your memorialist Will for ever Pray.

## COL. JAMES READ TO THE COMMITTEE.

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Reading, Berks Co., Feb. 26, 1777.

Sir:—The Committee having been applied to by Mr. Duchesnay, a British officer, Prisoner of war here, for permission to go to Philadelphia in order to exchange, have granted it on Parole. Bodily Indisposition prevented this Gentleman s going with Major Presto and others, in November. The Committee have directed me to assure the Honorable the Council of safety, that they unanimously and cheerfully granted this Leave, as they had, with much Pleasure, observed in the French Gentlemen a behaviour not only irreproachable but perfectly agreeable to the Inhabitants.

As several of these Gentlemen had called upon me before the Meeting of the Committee, and we had a long conference on their present unhappy situation, I beg'd of them to give me a state of their case in writing; promising that I would transmit it to your Honourable Board. They have since represented their case at a considerable length. I have translated the whole, that such of the Gentlemen as have some knowledge of the English Tongue, might judge whether I understand them aright. But I will not trouble you, sir, with more than an abstract of it.

They observe, That several of them were of the Garrison of St. John's, and therefore entitled to all the Indulgence and subject to the Lot those of that Garrison met with who were exchanged in November last, whereas the Exchange at that Time was ordered with a special Exception of the Canadians, a Distinction between them and the English, they conceive repugnant to the Capitulation on Surrender of that Fortress, and for which no reason was assigned.

That there are three of them, Gentlemen far advanced in years, and no ways connected with the Military, and who, agreeable to the Capitulation of Montreal, should not have been removed from their Habitations; whose case is the more distressing, as they know not how long they are to remain here, besides which, Gentlemen, there are five poor men under this Capitulation who have large Families now wanting that support which by their Labour and Industry they could yield them.

That these Hardships are highly aggravated by the Dearness of Provision and every other necessary of Life, and by the

exorbitant Charges for Lodging, and these not to be procured without great Difficulty; especially the Lodging, which they are frequently obliged to change.

That Many Inhabitants of Reading and its neighborhood can declare, that having been Prisoners in Canada, (some formerly, others lately,) they were most kindly treated both by Government and by the Citizens of Quebec and Montreal, and were supplied with money when they applied for it, and that some of the persons who make this address had the Pleasure of doing their Part in those kindnesses; and

That vast numbers of the Inhabitants of New England, captivated by savages in times past, have been redeemed by the French, and cloathed, subsisted and sent Home at great expense; and young Persons among the redeemed, who remained in Canada, (it having never been known to whom they belonged,) were settled to advantage, many of them in Connection with Families of principal consideration.

That for the Reasons aforesaid, they think it but right they should be exchanged, or should be allowed to return home on Parole, as the British Generals have allowed Prisoners of every Rank and Condition of the Continental Army. But if neither of these Things should be granted, they hope two or three of them may be indulged to go to New York and stay there for some Days, as there is an indispensable Necessity of their having many Affairs settled, and of getting several Articles not to be got here, and for a supply of Money not otherwise to be had; as they can not here draw on the Treasury of Quebec; nor have any Correspondent in France or in England with whom they can negotiate a Business of any sort.

And that Justice, equity and Humanity plead in their Favour; so that they doubt not the Committee of Reading would be interested for them.

Thus, Sir, you have the substance of what these Gentlemen have set forth more at large. Many Avocations have prevented my being as accurate as I could wish, But I doubt not, the Honourable Board will pay a due Attention to the case of the French Gentlemen, when Captain Duchesnay more clearly represents it.

I own I am much affected at the situation of these good people. I hope it will be found convenient with the policy of the States to relieve them; and then, indeed, I am persuaded they will not long remain here. Their polite Behaviour in this place

has recommended them to the good esteem of every person whose kind regards are worth a wish.

I am, with much respect, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Serv't,

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Gentlemen:—I take the liberty, as a prisoner, of claiming your assistance in a matter that I little expected would ever have fallen under your cognizance.

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Reading, January 6th, 1777.

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you see proper, the three remaining will be hostages for our returning, Precisely to the day appointed Us. The many Inducement we have to beg the Indulgence I have explained formerly and is the best apology that we, as Husbands & parents, can offer Gentlemen of your feeling & Humanity.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most Ob't, Humble Serv't,

ALLAN MACDONALD.

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(The following list is in the same handwriting and accompanied another list, printed *postea*, entitled "A List of American Officers, prisoners who have violated their paroles, belonging to the State of Pennsylvania;" and the haste, indicated by "the 18 inst.," of transmission, was no doubt caused by fear, at British Headquarters, of summary justice being dealt the captured as Jersey tories, instead of a proper recognition of their rights as enlisted soldiers. The correspondence is missing, but it is probable the other list was forwarded to show, that they had in their power prisoners who were starved into breach of paroles on Long Island, upon whom they could retaliate. The capture is fully detailed in General Putnam's letter, dated at Princeton, Feb. 18, 1777. Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. V, page 230. Fifty Bedford county (Penn'a) Riflemen had a share in the capture.)

A List of the Officers and Soldiers belonging to Cortland Skinner's Brigade, taken at Laurence's Island, under command of Maj'r Richard Stockton, by a party under command of Col. Neilson, on the morning of the 18th Inst.:

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| Richard Stockton, Major. | Thos. Morgan, Private. |
| Asher Durham, Capt. | Sam'l Brailey, do. |
| Francis Fraser, Lieut. | Wm. Clawson, do. |
| John Camp, Ensign. | Dennis Combes, Sergeant. |
| John Coomtes, Volunteer. | Jno. M'Master, Private. |
| Jonathan Buckman, Private. | Wm. Briton, do. |
| John Homer, do. | Sam'l Freeman, do. |
| Jacob Osburn, do. | Jno. Hall, do. |
| Wm. Park, do. | Wm. Donaldson, do. |
| Jos. Scott, do. | Josiah Foster, do. |
| Edward Gidens, do. | David Cornwall, do. |
| Henry Smith, do. | Wm. Marshall, do. (deserted.) |
| Hugh Fitzpatrick do. | Cornelius Anderson. |

Wm. Christie, Private
Rob't Grimes, do.
Jno. Hibley, Corporal.
James M'Donald, Sergeant.
Jno. Ensley, do.
Zebulon Cookefos, do.
James Philips, do.
Jas. Parrison, do.
Jcs. Boys, do.
Jno. Morris, do.
Alex'r M'Gowin, do.
Jas Wilson, Corporal.
Philip Devier, do.
James Ronen, do.
Jno. Potter, do.
Wm. Allis, do.
Jno. Taylor, do.
James Steward, Private.
Henry Shaver, do.
Wm. Waldon, do.
Cornelius Cornel, do.
David Bloomfield, Corporal.
Wm. Young, Private.
Jno. Croull, do.
David Barnes, Corporal.
Isaac Mills, Private.
Luke Teple do.
Jno. Sparling, do.
Jas. Frazer, do.
Thos. Moon, do.
Wm. Banks, Sergeant.
Rich'd Hale, Private.
Alex'r Ingles, do.
Matthew Boys, do.

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## TESTIMONY RELATIVE TO A HESSIAN PRISONER.

Northampton County, ss:

On the Twenty-Fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Two, Personally appeared before me Robert Levers, Esquire, one of the Justices in and for the said County, Abraham Henry Haines, of Sussex County, in the State of New Jersey, Yeoman, and in the Presence of Doctor Andrew Ladley, who acts as a Commissary of Prisoners, voluntarily made oath, on the Holy Evangelists, as follows, to wit: that some time in the month of September last, he, this Deponent, in Company with George Heeser, of Sussex County, Yeoman, were at the House of the above named Doctor Andrew Ladley and Spoke to him concerning Isaac Clinkerfoos, a Hessian Prisoner and they acquainted Mr. Ladley that they would engage to see the money paid which had been asked for the discharge of Clinkerfoos, that Mr. Ladley replied he did not want the money, he wanted his mason work done, upon which the Deponent asked how long that would be that Mr. Ladley made answer it would be up in eight or ten days; that this Deponent says he asked Mr. Ladley if

he would then clear him, the reply was he would not stop him then no longer, he might go work where he pleased. That after this Conversation Mr. Ladley told this Deponent that Clinkerfoos was indebted to him, but did not mention any particular sum or (or what) has this Deponent told Clingafoos, who was then at Easton, that he must go to work for Mr. Ladley, and this deponent says he afterards saw him performing Masons work at the House of Mr. Ladley was then building, and further this Deponent saith not.

HENRY HAYNSE.

Taken & sworn the day & year above said, Before

ROBERT LEVERS.

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Northampton County, ss:

On the Twenty-Fifth of March, in the year 1782, Before me Robert Levers, Esquire, One of the Justices in and for the County of Northampton, Personally appeared Valentine Beidleman, of the County of Sussex, in the State of New Jersey, Miller, and in the Presence of Doctor Andrew Ladley, who acts as a Commissary of Prisoners, voluntarily made oath on the Holy Evangelists, as follows, to wit: that some time last summer, he, this deponent, was at the House of Doctor Andrew Ladley, and he, the said Valentine Beidleman, William Henry Haines and Philip Michsel, having previously become security to said Mr. Ladley, as a Commissary of Prisoners, in the sum of Three Thousand Pounds Continental, for the appearance of Isaac Clinkerfoos, a Hessian Prisoner of war, at any time when he, the said Prisoner, should be demanded, and whilst this deponent was in the said summer time at the house of the said Mr. Ladley, a conversation arose between Mr. Ladley and this deponent concerning the said Hessian Prisoner, and this deponent says that Mr. Ladley, at that time, said to him, that if he, meaning Isaac Clinkerfoos, would give him, that is Mr. Ladley, Two Half Joes, he, the said Mr. Ladley, would discharge him. That some time last Fall, when Mr. Ladley was with this deponent at Gersham Barnes's, in Sussex County, in the State of New Jersey, this deponent further says, that Mr. Ladley again said to him, that if Clinkerfoos would give him, that is, Mr. Ladley, Two Half Joes, he, Mr. Ladley, would discharge him, meaning Clinkerfoos, the Hessian Prisoner. Upon the deponent's being asked if Mr. Ladley only said that he would try to get him, the Prisoner, discharged, he the de-

ponent answered in the negative, and said that the words were, if he would give him Two Half Joes he would discharge him. That afterwards, at the House of one Tunis Young's, in Jersey, this deponent and Mr. Ladley aforesaid, were together, and then this deponent says that Mr. Ladley aforesaid were together, and then this deponent says that Mr. Ladley informed him that he had wrote to the Commissary General of Prisoners, in behalf of six or seven Prisoners, among whom Clinkerfoos was one, that they might be exempted and permitted to stay in the Country. That the deponent being asked if Mr. Ladley had ever acquainted him that Clinkerfoos was indebted to him, when he spoke of his giveing the Two Half Joes, he answered in the negative, and declared he did not hear anything like mentioned. And further this deponent saith not.

VALEN. BEIDLEMAN.

Taken and Sworn the day & year above said, Before

ROBERT LEVERS.

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Northampton County, ss:

The Voluntary Examination of Isaac Clingafoose, a Prisoner of War of Hanau, taken at Saratoga, at the Reduction of General Burgoyne and his Army by General Gates, as follows: and first the said Isaac Clingafoose says, that the Prisoners of Burgoyne's Army were stationed at Winter Hill, about Three miles from Boston, where this examinant continued till about November, 1778, which was near a year; that the Prisoners being ordered to be removed to Virginia; this Examinant, about the time the Prisoners were to march to Virginia, vizt: in November, 1778, left them and went to Boston, and there tarried working for different Gentlemen till May, 1779. That one Mr. John Smith, with whom the Examinant worked at Boston, went with him to General Heath, who gave him a Pass, which he says he lost with his Pocket Book. That in May, 1779, he left Boston and worked at several Places about eight miles from Boston, for some small time, after which he left that country and came to Mansfield, in Jersey, where not finding much work he departed from thence and came to Valentine Beidleman, who keeps a Mill in Sussex county, in Jersey, about a mile from Easton, in the month of August, 1779, and after staying with him about a month & half, he went from thence to one Henry Haines in Sussex county aforesaid, a near neighbor of said Mr. Beidleman, at which Haines's he continued Ten months. After the Ten months were expired

he married the daughter of one John Werts in Philipsburgh, a Town in Jersey opposite Easton, and worked about from place to place in that Neighborhood. This examinant says, that during the ten months he lived with said Mr. Haines, Doctor Andrew Ladley of Easton came over the Delaware River to Mr. Haines and told Mr. Haines he should not let the Examinant go without acquainting him, Mr. Ladley of it, which Mr. Haines told to this Examinant, upon which he came on this side Delaware to Easton, to Mr. Ladley and asked him why he should not go, Mr. Ladley then told him he was the Commissary of Prisoners, and that the Examinant must give security or he must put him to Gaol. This happened a little before Harvest, in the year 1780, before the Examinant married; and the same day Mr. Ladley put him into Easton Gaol, here he remained five days. On the said Mr. Haines hearing the Examinant was in Gaol, he came to him with one Philip Michsel, and they inquired of him if he was desirous to come out of Gaol, he answered he would if he could, upon which they went to Doctor Ladley and offered to give security for his forthcoming if he could be enlarged, but Doctor Ladley requiring Three Securities, Mr. Haines, Mr. Michsel and the said Mr. Beidleman became his securities and the Examinant was released from his confinement. From that time till the spring 1781, the Examinant says he had rest, and about that time Mr. Beidleman aforesaid, went as this Examinant afterwards understood, he being then married, and asked Mr. Ladley if he would let the Examinant go, and Mr. Ladley answered Mr. Beidleman, as the Examinant had heard from Mr. Beidleman himself, that he, Mr. Ladley, would agree to let the Examinant go if he would give him Two Half Joes; on which the Examinant says he asked about the Neighbours, who informed him that would not do, it would not clear him.

After this, Mr. Ladley hearing this Examinant was a Mason, he called for him and said he should work for him, and he worked for Mr. Ladley Four days, and then he would work for him no longer, because he had made a bargain with one Heeser, in the Jerseys near Philipsburgh, who was building a House, to do Mason work for him and thought in his mind to pay the Two Half Joes, and prevailed on Heeser and Haines to go over the River to Mr. Ladley and lend him Two Half Joes and pay them to Doctor Ladley. Heeser and Haines told this Examinant they had been to Doctor Ladley and had offered him the two Half Joes on his account. Mr. Ladley told them he would not take them, but wanted the Examinant to work

for him, and told Heeser and Haines if the Examinant did not come the next day he would put him into Gaol and told Heeser and Haines that if he would come as soon as he had got his House done he would give the Examinant clear. Then Heeser said to this Examinant he should wait till next year, and that the Examinant should go over and work for Mr. Ladley, and the Examinant says he then came over to Easton and worked for Mr. Ladley Twenty-eight days and one-half, including the above Four days—working Twenty days as a Mason and the remainder as a Labourer—after which Mr. Beidleman asked Mr. Ladley if he would give the Examinant clear. Mr. Ladley said he had sent down for him and five or six more Prisoners who had worked for him to clear. That about Two weeks before last Christmas Mr. Ladley came to this Examinant, to his Father-in-Law's at Philipsburgh, and told him that he should quarry Stone for him, about Three or Four Hundred Loads, and that he must come the next day to Easton to let him know whether he would or no; That the Examinant came over to Easton but Mr. Ladley was not at home, but the Examinant told to Mr. Ladley's Kitchen Folks We could not live so without pay, and that he could not come, upon which the Examinant says that Mr. Beidleman had informed him that Mr. Ladley had told him, Mr. Beidleman, that he should bring the Examinant over to Easton and take up the Bond, and he, Mr. Ladley, would put the Examinant into Gaol; that this Conversation between Mr. Beidleman and Mr. Ladley was the week before last; and further this Examinant saith not.

ISAC KLINKERFUS.

Taken and acknowledged The seventh day of March, 1782, Before

ROBERT LEVERS.

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Easton, March the 26th, 1782.

Sir:—As you have thought proper to take down the Depositions of Beidleman and Haines, in Isaac Clinkerfoos's affair, I hope you will likewise send my ac't of the Matters, which shall be in as few Words as Possible. Prior to my mentioning anything to Either of the Partys (except taking their Bond in Security), He became Indebted to me the sum of six pounds specie for cureing him of a sec'd Infection of the venereal Disease, which is my lowest price; and was the sum Mentioned by me to them. It was not my Business to make them acquainted

with it untill I was obliged to by this unjust attact upon my character, as it would hurt my Busyness by exposing private Disorders of my Patients, &ca. As to my promising him an exemption from Exchange, the words in my Letters to Col'l Skinner concerning it were: That five or six of the Hessians who were Marryed here were Desirous of staying if consistent with his Instructions and the good of the Country. This I likewise told them, But they being Jermans, it seems have not attended to, or understood. I shall wave saying any thing of their Political Principles at present,

And Remain Your Humble Serv't,

AND'W LEDLIE, D. C. P.

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Easton, April 19th, 1782.

Sir:—Yesterday, in the evening, I had the Honor to receive a letter from your Excellency, dated the sixteenth instant, by John M'Farren, Esq., and as it seems Doctor Ladley has charged me with opposing him in the execution of an order he had received from the Board of War, and I conceive very unjustly. It is my duty to explain the matter to your Excellency, which I will endeavor very briefly to do, and I hope it will appear to your Excellency and General Lincoln, that I have not done, or attempted to do anything but what an honest man, and a man of feelings will be ever constrained to so far from enforcing a mittimus for the confinement of the Hessian Prisoners of War, I have pitied them in the State of Vassalage which some of them are constrained to remain in this town, and have only complained that a Hessian Prisoner has been cruelly abused, and unjustly confined by Doctor Ladley.

So long ago as October, 1780, when the late President Reed, the Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, and David Rittenhouse, Esquire, were at Bethlehem, as Commissioners appointed by the then Honorable House of Assembly, to enquire into the general Police of each County, and other particular matters, Jacob Weiss, Esquire, Deputy Quarter Master at Easton, received orders to call on Mr. Ladley as Commissary of Prisoners for all the Prisoners of War in this County, and that they should be sent to Reading; and orders were then given that no more Rations should be issued to the Commissary of Prisoners at this place. From thence I took it for granted that as no more Prisoners of War had been sent here afterwards the Post of Deputy Commissary of Prisoners was totally discontinued;

and I had frequently said, with others, there appeared no necessity for a Commissary of Prisoners at this place, and that it seemed a needless public expense. Before and since Doctor Ladley received his late order, I do declare that I have never interfered, and have only wondered that the Prisoners had not been sent away agreeable to order. Thirteen were delivered in consequence of the above order by Doctor Ladley to Mr. Weiss and by him sent to Reading about that time; and Dr. Ladley can best account for the rest of the Prisoners not being collected at that time, as several of them were in Easton and the vicinity thereof. On the sixth of March, 1782, Isaac Clinkerfoos came to complain to me, as a Magistrate, of Doctor Ladley. I did not know the man, but on hearing a Part of his Story, I found he was a Hessian Prisoner, and that he mentioned several things which appeared to me to be my duty to enquire into. Being at that time particularly engaged, I directed him to call in the afternoon; he not coming I sent for him early next morning, that Mr. Ladley, who was going to Philadelphia, might have an opportunity of hearing what he had to say, which tended to sully his Reputation. Clinkerfoos, who lived on the Jersey side of Delaware, had gone for straw into the Country, and did not come over to me till the afternoon, and Mr. Ladley was gone. I took his examination down in writing, and have taken the liberty to enclose the original. He said Mr. Beidleman and Mr. Haines would come over to me in a day or two. Some time after they came over and I took their Voluntary Depositions, first sending a few Lines to Dr. Ladley, Which original Depositions I have likewise taken the liberty to enclose with Doctor Ladley's Letter to me on the subject. Before the time of taking these depositions Doctor Ladley had put Clinkerfoos into Gaol, which was soon after his return from Philadelphia with the order from the Board of War, after beating him, as I have been informed by a very reputable Person, an Eye Witness, in a very cruel, barbarous and unjustifiable manner. Whilst Clinkerfoos lay in Gaol his wife came to me to try to help her. As I knew my speaking to Doctor Ladley would be of no avail, I advised her to endeavor to prevail on Mr. Beidleman or Mr. Haines to go with her to Philadelphia, and that I would write a few lines, if it could be of any use. Accordingly, tho' I have not the Honor of any Personal Knowledge of General Lincoln, I took the Freedom to write to his Honor, and it was delivered to her, enclosed in one to Messrs. Beidleman and Haines. A day or two after. Doctor Ladley ordered Clinkerfoos out of Gaol, and it was by accident

I learnt the woman had not gone down and the Letters were returned to me as received, and that to General Lincoln enclosed. I am cheerfully ready to give every assistance according to my abilities, to the officers in every department, and as Doctor Ladley is an acknowledged D. C. of Prisoners, which I could not heretofore believe for the reasons assigned, I shall in a particular manner, from the injunction of Council, as well as from my inclination to perform the Trust reposed in me, endeavor to render every necessary service. And I trust your Excellency will entertain this favorable opinion of me.

I am, Sir, Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant,

ROBERT LEVERS.

To His Excellency William Moore, Esquire,

President and Commander-in-Chief of Penn'a.

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Easton, March 30th, 1782.

Sir:—Yesterday, in the afternoon, a certain Person who called himself James Young, was brought before me on suspicion of being a Prisoner of War, belonging to Lord Cornwallis's captured army, he said he had at Norfolk in Virginia deserted from the British & belonged to the 33d Regiment before the surrender; but from many circumstances, being convinced he was no deserter, I committed him to the Gaol in this Town, giving strict orders to search him, least he might have letters, &ca., with him. In consequence of which it appears by a discharge found with him from a Hospital at Norfolk, dated the 22d July, 1781, his name is James Bruce, a Corporal in Lt. Colonel Balper's Company of the 23d Regiment; and he has since confessed he is a Prisoner of war; that at York, in Pennsylvania, he was with a Party of six to hunt wood, and took that opportunity to make his escape, and came thus far on his way towards some Relations he has in the Jerseys, at some distance from Brunswick. That he had no intention to attempt to go to New York. He is a Scotchman, I have since wrote to the keeper of the Ferry, to examine all Travellers that he may have reason to suspect. There will be some Recruits sent from hence next week to Reading, with whom this Prisoner of war may be forwarded. As there is no Provisional Post here, in what manner are Prisoners of war, should others be taken up, to be subsisted until they can be removed from hence.

Having been applied to by the Wife of one Clinkerfoos, a Hessian Prisoner of War, now in Gaol, to endeavor to get him enlarged, and his confinement, whilst other Prisoners have their Liberty, appearing to be the Result of Anger and Resentment rather than a just Punishment for Demerit, sufficient security having been received for his forthcoming, from time to time, since the year 1780, I take the liberty to engage a few moments of your time in presenting the case of this man, as it has come to my knowledge. This Hessian Prisoner, (by his own account,) Isaac Clinkerfoose by name, was taken at Saratoga at the Reduction of General Burgoyne and his Army by General Gates; that, remaining among the Prisoners at Winter Hill till November, 1778, when they were about to be removed to Virginia, he left them and went to Boston and there tarried, working for different Gentlemen, till May, 1779; that one, Mr. John Smith, with whom he worked at Boston, went with him to General Heath who gave him a Pass which he says he lost with his Pocket Book; That in May, 1779, he left Boston, and worked at several places about Eight miles from thence, after which he left that Country and came to Mansfield, in Jersey, where not finding much work he departed from thence and came to Valentine Beidleman's, (who keeps a mill in Sussex County, in Jersey, about a mile from Easton,) in August, 1779, and staying there about a month and half he went from thence to one Henry Haines, a neighbour of said Beidleman's, at which Haines's he continued about Ten months. After the Ten months were expired he married the Daughter of one John Werts, of Philipsburgh, a Town in Jersey opposite Easton, and worked about from place to place in that neighborhood. That during the Ten months he lived with Haines, Doctor Andrew Ladley, of Easton, who acted as a Commissary of Prisoners, went into the Jerseys to Mr. Haines, and charged him not to let Klinkerfoose go without acquainting him. Soon after, and a little before Harvest in the year 1780, Clinkerfoose being in Easton Mr. Ladley thought it best to secure him and put him in Gaol, where he remained Five Days, and then Mr. Haines, Mr. Beidleman and one Philip Michsel became his securities and he was released from his confinement. That Clinkerfoose having worked Twenty-eight Days and an half for Mr. Ladley in the course of last summer and fall, Partly as a mason and partly as a Labourer, and receiving, as he said, no Pay therefor, and being again wanted by Mr. Ladley to assist quarrying a considerable quantity of Stone for him, which Clinkerfoose seemed unwilling to do,

alledging he could not live so without pay, upon which, Clinkerfoose says, Mr. Beidleman told him that Mr. Ladley ordered he should bring him, Clinkerfoose, over to Easton and take up the Bond, and that Clinkerfoose should be put into Gaol. This happened sometime in February last. That Mr. Ladley having lately been in Philadelphia, and, as he wrote me, (as I had frequently said that I could not persuade myself to believe that the Board of War would have continued an officer as Commissary of prisoners in this place for more than the space of Eighteen months past, there being no possible duty for him to perform, and which at the same time appeared to be loading the Public with unnecessary Burdens, which were already, in Essentials, almost to heavy,) "was impowered by the Board of War to collect the Prisoners in the County and wait their orders for the Disposal of them, tho' I thought he was not a Commissary of Prisoners." He, Mr. Ladley, since his return from Philadelphia, meeting with Clinkerfoose in this Town beat him in a very cruel manner, making, as it is said, Holes in his Head with a stick he wears; afterwards committed him to Gaol where he now lays, and, as his wife tells me, is in a few days to be sent off to Reading. She tells me he has ever used her with Tenderness and affection—has an infant sucking at her Breast. He bears a general good character among the neighbours at Philipsburgh, and can bring undoubted good security for his appearance at all times whenever he shall be called for. In behalf of this poor woman and child I therefore use the Freedom to solicit, in her behalf, that if it may be judged consistent with the Public weal, her Husband, Isaac Clinkerfoose, may be permitted to remain with her and be discharged from his confinement until he shall be called on for an Exchange, &c., upon giving such security as may be required.

I am, with great Esteem and Regard, Sir,
Your Honor's Most obedient Servant,
ROBERT LEVERS.

The Honorable Major General Lincoln,
Secretary at War, Philadelphia.

# MEMORANDUM BOOK

OF THE

# COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

1776--1777.

# MEMORANDA.

(The Committee of Safety was appointed by the Assembly of the Province, June 30, 1775, votes of Assembly, Vol. 6, page 593, re-appointed with additional members, October 19, 1775, ibid. page 626, and was succeeded by the Council of Safety appointed by the State Convention, July 23, 1776.)

Jan'y 1st, 1776.—Account of the Rules & Regulations, &c., for the Associators sent to the Committees of the different Counties, viz:

| | Bat's. | Eng. | Ger. |
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| Sent per Lewis Gordon, Esq., for Northampton co'y, | 3 | 40 | 30 |
| Taken by Mr. Jas. Biddle, Berks, | 4 | 60 | 26 |
| Forwarded by Wm. Wister, Lancaster, | 5 | 75 | 40 |
| Sent by Col. St. Clair, Westmoreland, | 3 | 45 | 5 |
| Sent by Col. St. Clair, Bedford, | 2 | 30 | 15 |
| Sent by Mr. Blane, Cumberland, | 5 | 75 | — |
| Sent by W. Wister, York, | 5 | 75 | 30 |
| Sent to Benj. David, Bucks, | 3 | 45 | 15 |
| Sent to ——— ———, Northumberland, | 2 | 30 | 15 |
| Sent per Mr. Fairlamb, Chester, | 5 | 75 | 30 |
| Sent to ——— ———, Phila. City and district, | 4 | 60 | 40 |
| Sent to ——— ———, Phila. County, | 4 | 60 | 40 |

10th.—Mr. Towers to send for T. Eve and have him attend this Board Sat'y 11 o'clock & to attend himself.

Fascines—thought necessary.

Howitz—for the field.

Doct'r Johnston, Cumberland Co'y Batt'n.

The case of the Prisoners to be consider'd that are confin'd by order of Congress.

Jan'y 16th.—Deliver'd Col. Lewis 15 English & 2 German Rules of Association, &ca.

17.—Send for Lock makers Dennicke, Gouger, Nicholson. Bustead & Cannon.

Report concerning Kearsley.
Portable Cannon.
Liberty Island to be fortified.
Connely's Examination.
Provide wheelbarrows (50) & Hand barrows (150.)
A committee to be apply'd to attend Bucks Committee.
Joseph Standley's appointment to an Ensigncy.
Appointment of Chaplains the 12th February next.

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Jan'y 18th.—Resolved, That the Committee appointed to view Liberty Island, repair, as soon as the Season will permit, to that place with Robert Smith, John M'Neal & David Rittenhouse, & determine on & lay out such works as they shall think sufficient to defend it, & that those Gentlemen employ such Persons as may be necessary to compleat s'd works agreeable to the Report of the Committee appointed for that business.

Enlistment Papers to be thought of.

Good amt. of Powder due from Congress.

R. Morris to furnish particulars of every powder speculation directed by this Committee.

Commissions for officers of Association of Northumberland County, Delay'd 'till Hunter comes to town.

Consider of a memorial to the Congress respecting the Inlistment of Apprentices.

Consider the memorial of captains of armed boats on Fryday next.

Appoint people to collect rags.

Application to be made to Committee of Safety of New Jersey, and report of Mr. Morris and others who survey'd the shores, to be rec'd to-morrow.

S. Morris—Enquire of Palmer if any gun locks in his hands. Col. Cadwalader—enquire if Gentleman, (named to procure men to make arms,) know a person fit to superintend a number of men to be Employ'd in Lock & Gun making.

D'd Mr. Maze Gratz, acc't of goods.

D'd Mr. Howell, the acc't of the Committee for importing Powder.

Mr. Roberdeau has 2 sheets of Resolves of Congress.

Fifes and Drums for Canada.

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100 or more hand Bills, salt petre process, sent to Lan'r county, Cumb'd county, Berks county, Bucks co'y, Northam'n co'y, sent Chester co'y, Philad'a co'y, York co'y, sent Bedford co'y.

The Captains of the Boats Petition that the 15th article respecting captures may be alter'd.

To import a Number of Gun Locks.

Committee of Lancaster County's Letter to answer.

Money in the hands of Mr. Swift, in Canada.

Gibb Jones applies for the Command of the Comp'y of Matrosses to be sent to Canada.

Colo. Wayne thinks that large Vessels must come within Musket Shot of the Shore at or near Marcus Hook, and is of Opinion that a Line or two of Chevaux de Frize placed there would be of considerable Service. The Shore near this narrow Channel is nearly as high as Red Bank, and a Battery of Cannon there would greatly annoy an Enemy. Would it not be proper to ascertain this Matter by sounding the Channel?

A Member suggests the Expediency of raising by the Authority of this Board (or by recommending to Assembly) a thousand chosen Rifle Men for the Provincial Service, to be station'd near Chester, to harrass an Enemy in their March towards this city; besides the effectual Service they might render, he thinks it would greatly encourage the Associators to know they should be cover'd and sustain'd by such a Body of excellent and hardy Troops.

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Samuel Powell, employ'd in making Gun Carriages, no Associator.

A Letter to be wrote to Chester respecting an Artillery Company.

A Letter to be wrote the Convention of Maryland, sitting at Baltimore, respecting the encouragement for making Salt Petre.

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Capt. Sibold applies for the appointment of Ship's Husband.

George Houston, ditto.

Appt. of Officers for one Artillery Comp'y and fill Vacancys.

The Brigt. Hetty, Capt. Lott, per value, &c., to be considered.

A Man to be employed for refining Salt Petre.

Call upon Congress for Powder & Arms.

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Monday next appointed to Consider the Propriety of Applying to Congress for some Defense, particularly for this Province.

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9th Feb'y.—William Greenway applys to be employ'd in the Floating Battery or Boats.

Joseph Gamble, pay for his boat.

The Gunner & Boatswain's Mates request their wages to be advanced.

Resolves of Congress respecting Captures, &ca., to be taken up to-morrow.

Officers to the Boats to be appointed Thursday next.

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Mr. Jno. Ross begs leave to resign his office of Muster Master, being obliged to go to New Orleans on Business of Importance.

To give Mr. Wheeler an answer.

Barracks for the Troops.

Powder Magazines.

Necessarys for Capt. Proctor's Comp'y and Fort.

The consideration of Raising 1,000 Men put off to another day.

To consider of erecting Beacons.

Officers, Prisoners, to be removed to their Qrs.

Riggers for Province Ship.

Arms laying for 3 companies, want only cleaning.

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Mr. Thos. Lamar, a young Gentleman of Maryland, would accept of an Ensigncy, if there should be a Vacancy. (H. Hill.)

Powder, (¼ cask,) waggon, wood, Canteens, order'd for Capt. Cowperthwaite's Comp'y.

Lt. Col. Allen applies for the Barracks for the 2nd bat'n.

Haversacks, Ammunition, Arms, for the Batt'n going for York.

A Traveling Carriage for Maryland.

Consider Captain Proctor's request this afternoon.

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Propositions for Consideration of Committee:

That such Persons as shall immediately erect Mills for the making of Gun powder, have such quantity of salt petre put into their Hands from Time to Time, as shall be agreed on, the Profits of manufacturing which to be full consideration for the Expense and Risque of erecting the Works. Or, if the Committee have it not in their Power to fulfill their Engagements, or shall be obliged otherwise to dispose of the proportions of Salt Petre so intended to be allotted, then the Committee shall, in Money, indemnify the Owner of these Works for the non-compliance on the part of the Committee, in such equitable manner as shall be determined by indifferent Persons to be chosen, they having particular Regard to the Cost of the Works.

At the usual Price of £3 per ct. for manufacturing, the Profits of the Salt petre, of which the Committee have the disposal, will amount to £700 to 6 Persons each.

As it is uncertain whether a Number of Mills sufficient for the publick Service, will be built in Time upon the foregoing Terms, it is proposed without loss of Time, that two Mills be erected for working up four or five Tons per Week, one on acc't of Congress, the other on the Provincial account.

That a small Mill to work by hand be made, that the proper Proportions and Effects may be ascertain'd in case publick necessity should require the Salt petre to be made up in this manner before the large Mills can be set to work.

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Lieut. Colo. Hartley, requests a hearing at the board, having something in charge from the Committee of York co'y.

Colo. Allen requests that all the 2d Battallion may be Lodged in the Barracks.

Barracks to be built at Fort Island.

Shall men be inlisted particularly for the Provincial Ship?

Coll. Hartley proposes to buy Arms of the Non-Associators in York Co'y for the use of this Province.

To enquire if Mr. Mease has not rec'd orders for Money from Congress, that has not appear'd at this Board.

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Where is Mr. Rittenhouse?

A Virginian purchasing arms.

Medicines for Doct'r Rush.

To Cloath the Men on Board the Armed Boats.

Muster Master to be appointed.

A Committee to be appointed to Muster the Men.

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17th.—Deliver'd an order for Doct'r Bass to deliver Doc'r Rush what medicines he may want.

Is the Idea dropt of recommending to the Assembly the keeping in payment a Number of Rifle Men?

Recommending to the Assembly the new modeling the Association—setting forth the popular Objections to it, and the Insufficiency of it in its present form.

To enquire whether the Channel opposite Marcus Hook has been sufficiently sounded.

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To examine what Injury the Chevaux de Frize has sustain'd during the Winter. Capt. W. will examine To-morrow if the weather holds good.

Station Boat in the Bay—Signals.

Send down boats to Fort Island.

Quere! Should not a Number of Additional Hands be set to Work on the Chevaux de Frize.

The Commodore to direct the Captains of armed boats immediately to make Returns of every thing their Boats may want to Compleat them.

Resolves of Congress to be laid before Assembly.

Muster Master to the Arm'd boats, &c., to be appointed.

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Inquire into a Report that a Mr. Smith, of Virginia, is purchasing Arms of the Associators to carry out of the Province, and that Mr. Zansinger is buying up all the arms he can procure and selling them out again, by which the price of Fire arms is greatly enhanced.

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Col. Allen informs the Committee that from the indisposition of Hanson, he has been obliged to appoint James Armstrong to do the duty of Quarter Mr. to the first Battallion until the arrival of Col. St. Clair.

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To inquire after Mr. Bedwell who proposed refining of Sulphur.

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Doctr. Harris applies for Cash & Sulphur.

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Five Pilots in behalf of the whole Ten employ'd by the Committee, clamour against their pay, saying they cannot live on less than £9 per Month.

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Congress to replace the arms lent them by this board.

Consider of the propriety of appointing Mr. C. Biddle & Mr. Doy to assist Mr. Rittenhouse in the business of Gun Lock Making.

Appoint a Muster Master.

Provincial powder Mill by Resolve of Assembly.

Adam Foulk and John Young Contractors for Arms for the Southern Colonies to be called upon.

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The Captain of the Boats are desirous of having the men of the boats obliged to take the necessary cloathing in part of their pay.

Muster Masters.

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| James Young, | Davis Bevan, |
| John Ludd Howell, | John Mitchell, (gratis,) |
| Paul Foulke, | Edw'd Ryvis. |

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Take Mr. Rittenhouse's opinion of the propriety of appointing two Gentlemen to assist him in the business of Lock-making.

Drugs in R. Morris's hand.

The affair of the Boatmen & Frenchman.

To inquire of the Committee appoint'd to apply to Congress for the arms lent them by this board, what they have done in that manner.

Col. Johnson (of Chester) to acc't for Money deposited some time since for payment of Pilots.

A Nurse to the Hospital of the boats wanted.

Parade at Fort Island to filled up.

Lewis Nicholas's Letter.

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To advertise for contractor of Provisions, to purchase wood for two weeks, To repair Old Bedcases, To remove the stores out of the Barrack Room into the large House, to inquire for a proper House for a Hospital.

Disposal of officers now at Lancaster.

Apply to Commodore for their boats & Crews to go to Fort Island with G. Clymer, O. Biddle & J. Biddle.

Doct'r Wynkoop, who is recommended by the Surgeons declines serving.

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Complaints against the Barracks Master to be inquired into.

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Mr. Howell & Mr. Owen Biddle this day desired Mr. Nixon & Capt. Hazlewood to purchase a Fire Vessel.

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Q'y R. Reason that Voight has not made more Gun Locks than he has.

Buck Shot.

Curtis Grubb to be 2d in Command in our Navy.

Altering Gun Carriages on board the Gondolas, to be taken up to-morrow.

Appointment of Officers to Boats, Ships & Floating Battery to-morrow.

Instructions to the Captain of Marines.

To inquire whether the Associators in Chester County are supplied with Powder.

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To convert Reeds House on Fort Island into Barracks for workmen employ'd there to bargain with Reed for it.

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Measures taken to have Ammunition disposed of to be handy for the Associators on an alarm.

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To inquire of Mr. Towers what quantity of Musket Ball he has on hand.

To make out account of Powder with Congress.

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7th Febr'y.—Boats to be taken up to-morrow.

A person to be appointed to attend Sinking the Chevaux de Frize.

Consider the application from secret Committee of Congress respecting a further loan of arms.

Capt. Proctor applies to the board to give Hats to his company as they have been at great expense in Cloathing.

The refining of Sulphur.

Officers to the floating Battery to be appt'd. Victualer to the fleet & artillery to be appt'd.

Mr. Towers to attend to-morrow, to be directed to make Musket Cartridges.

Quick Match now preparing.

Capt. Whyte to report the survey of the Channel.

16 pieces light canvas for Hammocks.

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Assess'n of Chester County apply for the arms borrowed of that county.

An application to the Lower Countys for to defray part of the expence of Signals.

Gen'l Lee to be requested to attend the Committee to view Fort Island.

Wm. Kerr belonging to Capt. Houston, Confin'd for 1 Month, his time out to-morrow.

Officers to be put to their places of destination.

Guards to be appointed over the Materials for the fire rafts.

Mr. Nesbitt, £15 0 0.

Henry Knight, belonging to Capt. Bamm's Comp'y, confined for a debt under £12, applys for his discharge.

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Consider the expediency of allowing the seamen employed on board the Boats, &c., 50s. per month and setling the pay of the inferior officers.

Employ the Sulphur refiner.

To inquire of Mr. Towers what quantity of Sulphur is in store.

Jno. Shultz, a soldier, confined since his enlistment, to be discharged.

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13th.—Resolves of this day to be sent to the different persons.

Inquire of the Commissary what stock of flints are in store.

Inquire of the Commissary what sheet lead he delivered to Parker, 7th March.

To consider of Employing a person to purchase Arms in the back Parts of the Province.

Inquire of Mr. Towers for proper persons.

To settle the pay and rank of Commodore and Commis'd officers, and also the pay of the warrant officers.

Consider of sending to New York for Seamen, of raising the Seamen's wages to £3 per month, of the Fire ships and Fire rafts and officers for them, of building Twelve board Barges.

Inquire if the Assembly have made any resolve respecting the arrest of Provincial Troops.

Instructions to Capt. Forrest.

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15th.—To send for Grasse to know whether the Cloathing is come to town wh. this coun'l ordered him some time ago to send for.

That some means be taken to put the Gun locks and barrels said to be arrived into a way of being useful.

Qu. Does Capt. Proctor's Company & 4th Foot fall under ye Command of ye Commodore or our Commander-in-chief by Land?

Instructions for the Armorer.

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The Commissary to Mark & prove the firelocks of the associators. What is he to do with the gun barrels that Burst?

A list of Post Stages, fixed by Capt. Falconer & others, the committee appointed for that purpose.

From Lewistown, Henry Fisher.

To Ceader Creek, Thomas Evans @ £3 10 per month.

To Dover, Battell " do.

To Wilmington, Keans " do.

To Chester, William Kerlins, @ £3 10 per month, for a month Certain.

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To Gunlock makers in Capt. West's Co., who would gladly work in our Factory.

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Memorandum. Hewes, a Committee man at the Cape, rows off pilots & others. Aaron Lemen presdt. of Cape May Committee.

The Carpenters Employ'd in Building the Barracks were agreed to be allowed 4s. 6d. per day & to be found.

Bags for taking provisions to the Boats.

Commissions for Col. Taylor's Batt'n., Northampton Co., & some powder.

To provide Carriages for the Canon Casting.

Wm. Henry will contract for rifles.

Jacob Barge acquainted Mr. Poultney that a German has imported a large quantity of Gun Locks.

Dr. Rush wants a settlement, &c.

Henry Fisher's Acc't to settle, & to consider of allowing him a horse.

Henry Fisher rec'd his instructions 16th September, and engaged with Capt. Falconer.

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14th March.—Mr. Slosser has 19 Rifle Bbls., with furniture, for sale.

There is at Mr. Biddle's Pasture, 6 or 8 6 & 9lb. Canon.

Fralie, Germantown, purchases Fire arms.

Chester County wants 1,500 lbs. lead.

The price of Sulphur, refin'd, in this Province, 45s.

A publication for the encouragement of the refining Sulphur.

Powder Magazine to be considered. *don't for get this.

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Mr. Cobourn requests that the Commodore be directed to order the people of the Armed Boats to assist in sinking the Chevaux de Frize.

Corvell, of Trenton, endeavoring to employ the workmen of this City.

Beds for the Hospital on Fort Island.

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Chevaux de Frize, for sinking in the passage.

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D. Murphy, Jno. Smith, Alexr. Bruce, Pilots who went to the Capes in a Pilot Boat, contrary to the rules of this Board.

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Mr. Pearson's petition to be taken up to-morrow.

Sam'l Edwards.

Men in sail belong to boats.

Powder for proving Firelocks for Northampton County.

Mr. Kennedy, of York County, can supply 500 blankets.

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James Biddle, Col. Roberdeau & R. Wilcocks, to examine James Pearson's petition.

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Capt. Alexander, application for liberty to leave the Service of this Province to be determined on Monday next, 8th April, repor'd for Comm'dr.

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Mr. Sprogel, Muster Master, to attend on Monday.

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Col. Reed, Mr. Mease & Mr. Jas. Biddle, are requested to speak to the Col. of the diff'r battallions in the service of the Continent respecting the employing the soldiers to erect works for the defence of this Province.

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The appointment of a Marshal to come on to-morrow.

Wm. Wilson, Jno. Vint, ranger Montgomery; James Tool, Jno. Bell, Rob't Clerk, Thom. Saunders, Congress, Capt. Hamilton.

Doct'r Henry's applications.

Answer to the Carlisle Letter.

Mr. J. Biddle to prepare a letter for Reading, respecting the removal of the officers from that Town.

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Proper Persons to be appointed on a Committee out of Doors for building Powder House.

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Burtead: A minute to be made of the board delivering up his obligation.

Shall Barracks be built for Continental Troops?

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A Sub-Committee to be appointed to examine all acc'ts brought to the board which are to be pass'd in course by the Board, except such as the Sub-Committee shall refer to the board by report. This Sub-Committee may consist of two members, to serve in rotation every week.

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17th April.—To apply to Congress for a letter from Carlisle respecting the prisoners and their parole, to be considered to-morrow, April 18th.

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Mr. Young informs the board that Mr. Smith and himself have sent to Virginia, being a part of 1,000 to be sent

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| there, ..... | 700 | Firelocks. |
| They have now on hand, ..... | 130 | " |
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17th April, 1776.—List of Men taken by Capt. Barry & brought as prisoners to this City, out of the Tender Sloop Edward, Capt. Boger:

John Johnston, Mid Shipman.

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| Isaac Burch, | Owen Humphreys, |
| William Fulton, | John Henderson, |
| Seth Bowen, | Robert Oyston, |
| Jacob Smith, | Thomas Dopson, |
| John Dayton, | James Webb, |
| John Palmer, | James Ogelby, |
| Richard Gibson, | James Spencer, |
| John Doyle, | Henry Kelley, |
| Thomas Phillips, | John Shad, |
| John Wilson, | John Nesbitt. |

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18th April, 1776.—To consider of Loxleys proposals to-morrow.

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John Eldridge, Pilot, to be sent for at Jno. M'Cormick.

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Officers to take a qualification by the 1st May.

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R. Towers was desired to deliver to Peter De Haven, 100 lbs. Brass, for which an order is to be given to-morrow.

Mr. Owen Biddle to draw up instructions to Mr. Reed, Barrack, &c., at Fort Island.

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April 6th.—The Guard Boat Sallemander, Charles Lawrence, Mr.

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Mar. 26th.—Fire Ship Aetna, Wm. Gamble.

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Mar. 28th.—Guard Boat Vulture, Wm. Greenway.

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April 16th.— do. Terror, Robt. Hardie.

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Mar. 27th.— do. Terror, Robt. Hardie.

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Capt. Richards' allowance to be fixed.

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7th May, 1776.--Canon granted by Congress, to consider of ways and means of bringing them to this place.

Fire making to be considered.

Provisions to be sent down to the Fleet to-morrow.

Shott to be procured immediately.

Petition from People in Gaol to be considered.

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11th May.—Brig't. Betsey, Thos. Slater, Master, Jno. Peckham, Mate; taken by Capt. Alexander.

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Griffith Levering, a person from the boats, who reports Capt. Bias taking boats with 4 bls. Powder & Sugar.

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To inquire whether Cartridge paper is ordered.

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To inquire of Col. Cadwalader for the Book with the list of officers.

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Mr. Borden's Sulphur to be considered to-morrow.

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A Flat for a Cook room for the boats.

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John Ryan, a Person prisoner, who was to have been exchanged for some prisoners on board the Roebuck, is a person well acquainted with this river & Bay & thought to be a good pilot.

A Man confined in the Work-House going to the Roebuck; to examine to-morrow.

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Mr. Rogers was desired by Col. Roberdeau, Col. Cadwalader & Clymer to pay Mr. Nevitt £100, for which an order is to be drawn to-morrow.

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There being no board, Col. Roberdeau & Col. Cadwalader gave directions to Drs. Rush & Duffield to deliver to Doctr. M'Henry, Surgeon of the Ship, a box of Medicines.

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100 Wheel & Hand barrows wanting.

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Commissary & where Salt provisions and to be safely stored.

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Pease, & whether some Cattle ought not to be provided for the use of the Publick in case of emergency.

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Purchase of Vessells provided by Fitzimons & Moulder. Hulks bought by Mr. Cuthbert.

Flat to be bought for Cook room.

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Messrs. Fitzimons & Cuthbert, are desired to attend this board, Friday morning, 9 O'Clock, punctually.

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A General Magazine of Stores, &c., to be Established at some distance from this City.

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Articles, Officers pay of the Fire rafts.

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Where to fix a Magazine for Salt, provisions, &c.

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Remaining returns of Ammunition furnished by Captains of Boats.

John Wilcocks, John & Peter Chivalier, applies for a commission of the schooner Mars, about 35 Tons, Norris Copper, Captain, 4 3 Pounders; 10 Men.

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May 27th.—Drawn an order in favor Capt. Richards, £100.

Watkins and Robert Tatnall was appointed to the Command of the 2 remaining guard Boats.

Mr. Nesbitt wants £2,500.

Col. Miles wants £1,000.

Mem. Mr. Wynkoop reports that there is no pork to be had in Berks County, but Bacon may be got.

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The House of Assembly require of this Board, an acco't preparations we have made to defend the City, &c

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Col. Atley's application for arms to be Considered.

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In Committee of Safety:

I do,————, Swear, that I will cause all the Salt Petre and Sulphur that shall from time to time be delivered to me by, or by order of the Committee of Safety of this Province, to be manufactured into Powder, and deliver the said Powder to, or to the order of the said Committee, without Embezzlement or waste.

WM. THOMPSON,
THOMAS HEIMBERGER.

Philadelphia, 30th May, 1776.
Sworn before me.
JAMES BIDDLE.

4th June, Sworn by Heimberger, Jacob Lush and Henry Huber.

JAMES BIDDLE.

Sworn ye 13 June, 1776, by Jacob Lush, before me, James Biddle.

Sworn ye 14 June, 1776, H. Huber.

Notice to be given to the Captains to attend Assembly.

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State of Armament, &c., to be laid before the Assembly.

Quere.—Shall the pay of Men and Province Ship, &c., be raised to the same as is paid by the Continent?

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Commodore to be chosen.

Nicholson's terms.

The Inhabitants of Bald Eagle Township, their petition.

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27th.—Q'y. If Masters are to be appointed to the shallops, employed for Quartering raftment.

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John Foulke, Torey, vide Boyd Letter.

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Cartridges to be made up for the Boats 1-3 wt. of the Ball in the room of those now on Board.

Letter to the Coms. of the diff't County to be published.

Ball & Boger to be removed.

Mem. Capt. Proctor wants Cartridge paper and Junk for wadds.

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June 10, 1776.—Capt. Rice's acc't to be Settled.

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Fix quantity of powder in Cartridges.

Commodore & Captain to be chose.

Mr. Parker is to inquire of Mr. Hillegas, what money is in his hand.

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Mr. Mitchell, Commissary, applys for an order for £2,000; his acc't is about £3,000 & has received only £500, his Butcher is desirous to know if he may kill cattle on th. Province Island, for the benefit of men in the boats.

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Wm. Brintin took up James Wood a deserter from the Gallies, and brot. him to the work-house; wants pay for his trouble.

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Daniel Joy, being employed by the Committee of Safety, to prove the Cannon That are or shall be made for the use of this Province, makes oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he will prove all such Cannon truly & faithfully, agreeable to such written Instructions as he has received or shall hereafter receive from the said Committee.

DANIEL JOY.

Philad'a, 12th June. 1776.

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June 12th.—Guard to be appointed for the State House & Fire Rafts, as those now on duty will be ordered off this day to New York.

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Quere.—Should not the pay of the Petty Officers be raised as well as the private men on Board the fleet?

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Col. Shee proposes to deliver the Comms. thirty Gunlocks, and pay the difference in Exchange for as many muskets.

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June 14th.—Cap. Richards apllys for money to pay sundry hired men.

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Doct'r Rush to get six sets of amputating Instruments made.

A letter was wrote to Capt. Whyte, at Fort Island, to have the Floating Chevaux de Frize ready moored, with the shallops along side of them.

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Agreeable to request of this Committee, Thos. Wharton purchased of M'Call about 80 Blankets at 25s.

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Mr. Nesbitt to be informed that an order was drawn on Mr. Hillegas in favor of Capt. Shade for £100, which is directed to be charged to his, Mr. Nesbitt's account.

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Prisoners from North Carolina, their being allowed Liberty of meeting together on Sundays & a wood door to be left open.

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June 18th.—Lieut. Webb, who has been suspended, desires the Board to determine whether he is to be re-instated or discharged.

Mem. Write to Jno. Myers, of Berks County, who this board sent £100 to, in order to carry on a Salt Petre Manufacture, to learn what progress he has made therein.

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Capt. Hazlewood pay to be settled to-morrow.

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27th June.—Doctr. Dunlap to be applied to.

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To take up the Business of removing the State Prisoners.

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Sloop Chance, Capt. Robinson, Rendevous, widow Forrest. 3 men belonging to Capt. Boyce have enter'd to go in s'd vessel.

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A resolve to be published desiring people to bring in their acc'ts.

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Pilots to be considered.

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Business to be done immediately.

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Appointment of Officers for German Companies.

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Employing Troops as hired Laborers on the farther works to be laid out at Billingsport.

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Taking measures to bring back the Boat men from the Privateers fitting out at Egg Harbour.

Powder given to Battallions to be used in their Exercises.

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Mr. O. Biddle to engage Linnen for Tents.

Capt. Thomas Proctor applies to have the command of the Fortifications erecting at Billingsport.

List of Applications for Officers, 1776, 4 German Companies.

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July 1st.—George Hubley, Capt. or Lt., particularly recommended by Col. Ross.

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| Jacob Yarnpert, Surgeon, | George Hubley, Captn., |
| Sebastian Muffler, Captain, | Conrad Schneider, Captn., |
| Benjamin Weiser, Captn., | Jacob Bunner, Do. |
| Dan'l Burkhard, Captn., | Wm. Mentz, Do. |
| Fred'k Yeizer, Lt., | Col. |
| Jacob Bower, do. | Clymer re'ds. |
| —— Lex, do. | |
| John Wideman, | Geo. Schaffer, |
| Geo. Haubocker. | |

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July 1st, 1776.—Write to Mr. Nathan Shaw, Junr., of New London, to procure ye 8 Cannon, according to order of Congress.

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4 12-pounders of Mr. Phillips for sale by Capt. Loxley.

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Mem. Inquire into the conduct of the guards at the Gaol.

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July 9th, 1776.—Major Roger's Parole to be taken to go into New Hampshire to be at the disposal of the Committee there. (Gen. Roberdeau.)

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Jacob Bower applies for a Lieutenancy in German Battallion, very well recommended by D. Clymer.

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Captain Hazlewood to inquire whether Taylor has sent down his 4-pounder from his furnace.

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The Engineers to lay out the Works at Billingsport.

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Congress consider the appointment of Physician Gen'l of the New Camp, as their rights, says Gen'l Roberdeau.

Bustead, Sister, the vixen refuses Captain Loxley admittance to the Furnace. What's to be done?

Loxley and King are erecting a boring machine at Martics's Mill.

Old Cannon may be bought cheap and bored out.

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Capt. Ashmead has made very good Flints, a sample of which was laid before the Committee. He is willing to be Employed in making flints, a great quantity of Flints stone, 'tis said, may be found in some of the wharves.

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John Baker, of Norriton, has some Provincial arms by him which the Committee should order out of his hands.

Query.—Was not Col. Bull authorized to take them from him?

Mrs. Connelly, at Mrs. Osburn's, in Arch street, allowance to be minuted.

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Capt. Dundass is not acquainted with his destination. Major Hughes' residence is Elizabeth Town, is desirous of going to Maryland.

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The Master of the Fly.

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Mr. Howell gave the Commissarys an order to deliver to C. B., half ton of Buck Shot.

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20th July.—The Committee of Wilmington owe this board 165 lbs, Gun Powder.

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26.—A Committee appointed to settle Mr. Fox's acco't.

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A Treasurer to be appointed.

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T. Smith, of Bedford, Solicits Amunition.

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Law. Birnie applies for a letter to Lancaster Com'ee for a file Cutter, one of the Prisoners, he cannot go on with the business without his assistance to instruct some new hands.

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Peter Dehaven applies for £500 & 100 Brass.

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Mr. Dehaven reports that Mr. S. Wheeler has 48 gun locks which he asks 3 dollars for, but neither case Harden'd nor polished, doing this will cost 2s. ea. Will the committee take them?

Col. Porter, Lancaster County, desires an order for 7 Muskets.

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27.—Major Swoop applies for 40 Muskets for his Battallion.

Major Bell, of Col. Montgomery's Battalion, Chester Co., applies for 20 Stands of fire arms, 45 Bayonet Belts & Scabbards, 35 or 40 Cartridge Boxes & 55 Canteens.

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July 29th, 1776.—The Carpenter of the Floating Battery wants to know whether he is to be allowed 2 rations as well as the Carpen'r of the ship.

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30.—Major Bell, of Col. Montgomery Battalion, of Chester Co. Militia, applied for Canteens, Bayonet Scabbards, Bayonet Straps, & Cartridge Boxes. Ordered to get them.

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Mr. Mitchel applies for 25 Bushels of Salt to supply the navy as he can not purchase it.

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Lead mine said to be on Vincent King's Plantation, Lower end of Lancaster County, on Soap Stone Hill, adjoining Lands of James Killchreish, said to be tryed by Benj. Chandley, in West Nottingham.

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Mr. Jewell to receive no person without proper authority, & he is to return to this board the names of persons put into custody.

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Aug't 1st.—The petition of Wm. Sturt, a prisoner, to be taken up next Wednesday.

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Jno. Lefever & Abm. Taventaffer, of Warcester, Philadelphia Co'y, request a pass to go to camp.

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Jno. Brown, Servant to Connolly, requests permission to go to West Indias in a French Brig.

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Capt. Donnell applies for directions respecting some companies of Militia. 3 Companies amo't to 52 Privates.

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Jos. Mather, Treas'r to Philad'a County, Com'te, aplies for £250 for the use of Associators' families.

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Jacob Brandt, Canteen Maker, lives in Vine Street, next

door between Footman's Vendue Store. He contracted to make Canteens @ 2s. 5d., but now refuses to comply.

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6th.—A Committee to be appointed to Examine Prisoners tomorrow, at 11 O'Clock.

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Committee to be appointed to superintend floating Battery.

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Mr. Arthur Donaldson applies for money to carry on the floating battery.

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A letter from Nath'l Shaw to be considered respecting Cannon.

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Gen. Mercer's application for Heavy Cannon to be considered.

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An order to be given Col. Paschall to discharge John Wright, weaver.

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The Cannon Cast by Potts & Rutter to be annealed further, proved & mounted.

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Mr. Loxley has the patterns for the Brass Cannon, Dan'l King wants an order for them, and to see Loxley Furnace.

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To consider of a person to supply Mr. Donaldson's place.

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Aug. 10th.—If an order should be Brought to this board from Rob't Miller, of Carlisle, for £24 or £26, to be stopt by the board.

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Capt. Richard applys to know what kind of Coalers the State will have made, and also leaves it to the opinion of the Council, whether one Person had not better pay all the accounts.

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Mr. John Coburn applies for £250.

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Benj. Seyoc will Victual Workmen at Billingsport at 10s. per week, well recommended by Mr. Hicks.

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Mr. Jewell applies for 6 Beds for sick Prisoners.

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Coals in Virginia.

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Dewees will victual the workmen at Billingsport.

Doctr. McHenry applies for amputating and Trepaning Instruments & needles.

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13th.—Hale and Hatton to be Examined before the board tomorrow.

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Mr. Franks requests an order to permit one officer of each Battallion (of the Prisoners) to go to Lancaster to muster the men. (Granted.)

Memorandum. Capt. Fisher of Col. McAlister Battallion has rec'd £30 for expenses in bringing his company down, more than he is entitled to, to be inquired into.

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Frigate Guard, very hard upon the Associators. Major Nicholas to be requested to employ the Marines in that service.

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Aug't 16th.—Order in favor of Mr. O. Biddle, £250.

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Look over Minutes concerning Bounty of Seamen & Landsmen, on their wages being raised.

Memorandum. The Muster Master to be very Particular in mustering the men on board the fleet, distinguish Boys and age of the whole.

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Mr. Hillegas, money.

I do Swear, that I will not directly or indirectly, give any information to the enemies of the United States of America, nor hold any correspondence with them, neither will I bear arms against the said States during the present contest between Great Britain & them, as witness my Hand this 3d day of Sept., 1776.

MIGUEL FITZGERALD.

Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, President.

(Same affidavit made by Joseph Carey and Jonathan Pearson, on the 1st of October, 1776.)

To inquire of John Coburn to know why he has not paid the account of Griffith.

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Mr. Hopkinson desires to know the sence of the board respecting Crows.

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Col. Galbreath applies for 37 Arms.

Col. Thomas Murray for 20 do.

Tara Dorin, a man belonging to Col. McPherson's Battallion, wounded and in lodgings.

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John Davis complains that Hardy retains 4 dollars of his wages.

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Aug't 28th.—To move that the officers of the Fleet be allowed 10s. per man for recruiting and no other expences.

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Doctr. Dunlap applys for another mate, as the men lay scattered.

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Capt. Copperthwaite applies for £800, for Powder Mill.

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Capt. Will applies for 2 Pigs of Block Tin.

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Colonel Clymer says that he delivered 91 Rifles to Gen'l Roberdeau, or by his order to the Commissary of stores. He prays that he may get 150 Rifles made in lieu thereof for his Battalion.

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Mr. Mease complains of smallness of companies.

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Jno. Hart & Wm. Dewey want to know whether they are empowered to supply the families of men in the Flying Camp.

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The board are requested to attend to the distressed situation of Col. Miles' & Atlee's Battalions.

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The situation of the cannon foundry to be inquired into.

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13th.—To Appoint a Committee to fix upon a spot for sinkinging Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, for Monday next.

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Mr. Morris recommends Capt. Wm. Potts for a command.

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To give directions to Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jno. Reed's order for wood.

Rob't Tower wants Cannon Cartridge paper, also slow match.

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Major Proctor to be asked concerning Andrew Fullerton.

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Capt. Wm. Brown, of the Marines, on board of the Ship Montgomery, has 55 men; recommended by Mr. Wharton for the command of the Floating Battery.

September 21st, 1776.—Upon application of the Marine committee for the Mooring Chains on board the ship Montgomery, for the service of one of the Continental Frigates, an order was given for Mr. Feris to deliver them.

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Sept. 26.—Capt. M'Cutchen's case to be considered.

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28th.—Recruiting orders to be immediately sent to Ticonderoga.

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29th.—Orders for several necessaries to furnish the Council Room on Fort Island.

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Col. Wood has returned to this city, from Trenton, by order of the board of War, & charged not to leave town till he gets recruiting orders, & request he may have them to-morrow morning.

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Sept. 30th.—To make out recruiting orders & the Oath of Inlistment for Col. Cook's battalion, & send up as soon as possible to Capt. Wittington, at Reading; also Articles of War.

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The Muster Master's petition to be considered. He is desirious to go to Camp to Muster the Troops.

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Oct. 11th.—Purchased 600 Bushels of salt @ 14s.

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21.—Purchased 1,200 Do., at 15s.

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Jacob Myers applies to have his wages raised.

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19 Octob'r, 1776.—List of Cloathing sent by Mease & Caldwell to the Northern Army:

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| Shirts, | 2,380 |
| Shirts, | 1,500 |
| Total, | 3,880 |
| Pr. Shoes, | 1,487 |
| Pr. Stockings, | 960 |
| Do., | 128 |
| Casks Nails, sorted, | 20 |

That a ship be sent for salt.

That persons be appointed to provide Cloathing for the Troops of this State.

Peter Miller, a servant of Geo. Corn, enlisted in the flying camp. The master wanted to sell s'd servant to Col. Hauseggers.

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26 Oct., 1776.—A letter was wrote to Major Proctor directing him to send forward the detachment of Artillery to Fort Montgomery, in New York State, and resolve of this date enclosed him.

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Oct. 30th.—Agreed with David Potter of Cohansey, to take 150 barrels of Pork, at 10s. per Barrel, & Lard rendered at same price, The Council paying freight & finding salt and barrels.

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Nov. 6th.—Mr. Nesbitt in behalf of the Marine Committee, applies for 500 Bushels of Salt.

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Propose a Bounty of 10s. for seamen.

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Wm. Kerlin, of Chester, owes the Council £150.

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If the Troops actually are coming, The Tories houses should be vacated for our Troops.

Bells removed. Salt Beef to be removed.

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Nov. 8th.—Isaac Rodgers, in Allen Town, New Jersey, engages to deliver 200 Barrels of Pork on the same terms Col. Potter delivers 150.

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Waggons immediately procured to transport our stores; press them.

Robt. Irwin to be sent for.

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Fix our Room.

Records moved.

Tories seized, orders to the militia to do it.

Col. Mifflin sent for.

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The Constables ordered to attend.

State Prisoners removed.

Colonels of the City Militia to be sent for.

Waggons ordered.

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Live Stock drove away.

Major Proctor be directed to hold himself in readiness and have his men all on the Island.

Hay or straw wads for the boats.

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Provision to be made at Chester for Troops to Rendevous there.

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Nov. 24th.—Names of the Treasurers for the advance money in each County:

| | No. of Bat. |
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| For Chester Co., Col. Rich'd Thomas, ..... | 5 |
| " Lancaster, Wm. Atlee, Esqr., Lancaster, ..... | 11 |
| " Bucks Co., Col. Hart, ..... | 4 |
| " Berks, Adam Whitman, Reading, ..... | 7 |
| " Northampton, Peter Rhoads, Esq., Allentown, | 4 |
| " Cumberland, Wm. Lyon, Carlisle, for 3 Bat. & Daniel Duncan, Shippensburg, 2 Bat.,..... | 5 |
| " Bedford Co., Col. Tho. Smith, ..... | 5 |
| " Northumberland, Col. Hunter, fort Augusta,.. | 4 |
| " York, Jas. Donaldson, Esq., York Town, ..... | 5 |
| " Westmoreland, John Moore, ..... | 4 |

The recommendations and resolves of the Committee of Congress laid before this board are contrary to the Constitution of this State with respect to the manner of appointing the officers. The board, from the urgency of the present emergency, are not disposed to enter into altercation on the subject, but the board, &c.

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Remnd—is acquainted with the mode of Fluxing Iron w...ch renders it fit for casting of Cannon.

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The Honorable Council of Safety,

To Vanbibber & Usher, Dr.

For the Schooner Success, Josiah Hill, from St. Martins.

1776, 12 Novem.—For freight of Sundry Gunpowder, ship'd by Messrs. Milner, Burch and Haynes:

A, 75 half Barrels;

K, 120 Ditto:

E, 29 whole Barrels;

183 half Barrels;

48 Quarter ditto;

is 23,000 lb weight, at 10 pr. cent. makes 2,300 lb @ 7s., £805.

Please to pay Mr. John Mease, or his order, the freight of the above quantity of Gunpowder, which came in the Success,

Josiah Hill, Master, from St. Martins & now lying in Isaac Vanbibber's Warehouse, at the point, Baltimore, ready to be delivered to your order.

VANBIBBER & USHER.

To the Honbl. Council of Safety:
Philadelphia: Copy.

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The Prisoners of War stayed.

O. Biddle gave an order on John Ferree to Rob't Cowan and Fleming for 50 Bushils Salt, for Chester County.

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William Sitgreaves has Blankets.

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Cannon out of the prize ships obtained immediately.

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28th.—Michael Grove's Express to Gov. Livingstone, Burlington.

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29.—Capt. Joseph Erwin & Captain M'Clelan to carry the money to Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Bedford & Westmoreland:

| | Comp'ys. | Dollars. |
|---|---|---|
| To Wm. Atlee, Esqr., Lancaster, ..... | 10, | 6,966 ⅔ |
| To Joseph Donaldson, York town, ..... | 5, | 3,483 ⅓ |
| To Wm. Lyon, Esqr., Carlisle, ..... | 5, | 3,483 ⅓ |
| To Bedford, Dav'd Espy, ..... | 3, | 2,090 00 |
| To John Moore, Esqr., Westmoreland, ..... | 3, | 2,090 00 |
| Dollars, ..... | | 18,113 ⅓ |

Sent this day.

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29 Nov.—George Calhoon took money to Northumberland & Berks:

To Col. Hunter, ..... 2,090 Dolls.
To Adam Whitman, ..... 4,180 "

Remove the State Prisoners.

Mount Howitzers.

Jarard Irwin for a Lieutenant of Artillery, recommended by Gen'l Armstrong; Ditto Morgan Connar for Lieutenant Col. or Major.

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Ashton behaved well at Qu; M'Coy & Gibson, ditto.

Captain Mathew Smith, lately of the 1st Rifle Battalion, commanded by Col. Hand, has resigned his Commission for

particular reasons. This Gentleman, being a very useful Officer, underwent the fatigues of a sever Campaign in Canada, has a right to expect the notice of this board in any preferrments in the Army. Appointed Major.

Mr. Adam Hubley, Junr., late major to a Brigade commanded by Gen'l Woelke, with the rank & pay of a major, is now out of service, except as a volunteer, he likewise underwent the severities of the Canada Campaign; his recommendations from Gen'l St. Clair & Col. Dehass are good, and therefore ought to be promoted. The above two Gent stand for promotion as field officers.

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December 2d, 1776.—Mr. Ludwig recommends a pound of flour pr. week pr. man to be allowed the army.

To appoint officers to the 9th & 10th Regiments to-morrow night, Dec'r 3d.

Its Probable that ye Country being alarmed at ye imminent danger of the City, will, on a proper alarm, come down to our help.

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December 3d, 1776.—Names returned by the Captain of militia, to supply the Families of associators for their Companies during their absence in Actual service.

Captain Wade's Company, 2d Battalion, Timothy Barret.
Captain S. Delany, 3d Battalion, Geo. Bertram.
Capt. F. McElwain, 3d Battalion, Rob't Baily.
Capt. Jehu Eyre, Artillery, Isaac Coats & Conrad Weaver.
Capt. Semple, 3d Batt'n, Mr. Fullerton.
Capt. Harbeson, 2d Batt'n, James Cannon.
Capt. Williams, 1st Batt'n, Peter Knight.
Capt. Bruster, Christ'r Marshall, Jr.
Capt. Falconer, 3 Battalion, Sam'l Moore.
Capt. Boyd, 2 Battalion, Paul Fooks.
Capt. Wills, 1st Batt'n, Philip Boehm & Jacob Utrey.
Capt. Hassenclever, 1st Batt'n, Philip Boehm.
Capt. Smith, 2 Batt'n, Jacob Bright.
Capt. Hodge, 2 Batt'n, Wm. Thorne.
Capt. Moulder, Artillery, James Stuart.
Capt. Bowers, Christ'r Marshall, Jun.

| 1776. | | £ | s. | d. |
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| Feb'y 6. | To Cash p'd for 1 qr. paper, ..... | | 8 | 8 |
| " 27. | To Cash p'd postage of a Letter from Maryland, ..... | | 1 | 4 |
| " 28. | To Cash p'd postage of 2 letters from Lancaster, ..... | | 6 | 4 |
| Mar. 2. | To Cash p'd for Robins' Tracts, ..... | 1 | 5 | |
| " | To Cash p'd for Military Guide, ..... | 1 | 6 | |
| " 14. | To Cash p'd for 2 bls. of apples, ..... | | 15 | |
| " 19. | To Cash p'd for Postage, ..... | | 3 | 8 |
| " | To Cash p'd for Wafers & Knife, ..... | | 3 | 8 |
| " 24. | To Cash p'd Postage, ..... | | 1 | 4 |
| April 5. | To Cash p'd Sam'l Edwards, Pilot, ..... | 1 | 10 | |
| " 9. | To Cash p'd for Wafers, ..... | | | 8 |
| " | To Cash p'd for do. large, 100, ..... | | 2 | 6 |
| " | To Cash p'd for Quills, ..... | | 3 | |
| May 8. | To Cash p'd for postage from Lancaster, .. | | 1 | 5 |
| " | To Cash p'd for ditto, ..... | | | 8 |
| " 10. | To Cash p'd for quills, ..... | | | 3 |
| " 12. | To Cash p'd for sand, ..... | | | 1 |
| " | To Cash p'd for Ink, ..... | | 1 | 3 |
| " 29. | To Cash p'd for Postage, ..... | | 1 | 7 |
| " | To Cash p'd for Copy letters, ..... | | 2 | 6 |
| " | To Cash p'd Joseph Crukshank, Bill, ..... | 4 | 3 | |
| June 27. | To Cash p'd Postage from Rhoad Island,.. | | 1 | 7 |
| " | To Cash p'd Postage from Lancaster & New York, ..... | | 3 | 8 |

Wood's acc't.

Dec'b. 6. D'ld Capt. Blewer, to put into the hands of Jno. M. Nesbitt 10,616⅔ dollars, being the balance of 35,000 dollars.

Lieut. Bird, recommended by Gen'l Thomson & Mr. Dougherty, belongs to Col. Hands's Reg't.

Take orders for preserving our Gallies and armed vessels should this City be evacuated.

Should not all our vessels, nearly ready to Launch, be immediately put in the water and sent away? What will be done with the Provisions in the City?

What with the Clothing & Stores, whether belonging to the Public or private persons?

Should not all vessels whatever be sent away.

Printing Presses to be sent to Lancaster & set a going.

In Council of Safety,
January 2d, 1777.

You are hereby authorized to take into your custody the following prisoners of War:

Light horse.

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| Daniel Ryne, | Martin Dunkin, |
| Richard Perry, | Lawrence Connely, |
| Christ. Moner, | Francis Hays, |
| John M'Ginnes, | John Welsh. |

By order of Council.

To Rob't Jewell, Esq'r.

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January 3d, 1777.—Charles Harrison & Peter Campbell, Inhabitants of Trenton, who have taken Commissions or are appointed as Capt. in a new Regiment proposed to be raised under Isaac Allen, for the King of England service; also, Moses Holt, a waggon master, & John Bonnet & N. M. Wilson, two waggoners imported with the troops, were sent prisoners to the Council by orders of General Washington. They were ordered into Mr. Jewell's Custody.

The General is of opinion the officers ought to be closely Confined.

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1777, January 4th.—Sent forward to General Cadwalader 125 pair stockings; 55 Doz. & 10 pair Mittens; 41 Pair Shoes; 7 Caps for Captain Morris's L. Horse.

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Jan. 5th.—A Monument ought to be erected to the memory of those brave & worthy Citizens who fell in defence of their Country and a funeral Oration delivered in the most solemn & public manner on the occasion.

Information by a Hessian Surgeon, says that their Troops were 14 Days without Bread; lived on apples and some spoiled bread which they found in American Camp after they had left it.

Heister, 1st Hessian General.
Knibphausen, 2d "
Morbach, 3d "
Joseph Bartholomew applies for a first Lieutenancy.

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Jan. 9th, 1777, rec'd from Rob't Jewell 13 Caps, L't Horsmen's, & delivered them to Col. Bidle the 13th, &c.

Fitzgerald acted Lieut. to Capt. Dicks. Capt. Dicks desires he may be appointed to his Comp'y.

Jan. 14th, 1777.—John Jennings was appointed Quarter Master and Richard Backhouse Pay Master to Col. Geiger's Battalion of Militia of Northampton County.

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15th.—Benj. Allison appointed Surgeon to Col. Potter's Battalion.

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Memorandum of Expresses.

James Annis to Coll. Bull's & to Lancaster, ½ past 5 O'Clk. Bill.

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Jan. 21st.—Doc't Allison wants to know if Robert Allison has been assigned to a company.

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Several waggons loads of tents, under Mr. Slough's care, in the Court House, Lancaster.

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The Powder in Lancaster in a very improper place.

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The following Prisoners, Taken in New Jersey, were sent by Col. Humpton to the Council.

Col. Charles Reed, discharged on giving his word not to quit Phil. without leave.

Charles Cooke, (See post, June 21, 1777.)

Committed to Gaol.

Lieut. John Throgmorton of Col. Morris's Reg't of Monmouth, vols.
Thos. Potts,
Benj. Wooley,
Wm. Grandin,
Wm. Mount,
Frank Jones,
Ed'd Harris,
Chas. Dougherty, a breaker of flax,
Wm. Hartshorne.

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Jan. 24th.—Can any assistance be given to the Commis'y of Provisions?

To write to Lord Sterling and request him to send the Journals & orderly Books taken at Trenton.

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One Hundred Barrels of Beef belonging to the State of Pennsylvania, was delivered to Mr. Benj. Hogeland, at Newport, by John Quicksall. December 17th, 1776.

February 20th, 1777.—Ordered the above 100 Bbls. of Beef to be delivered to Martin Wert, who is employed by the naval committee for the purpose of bringing the beef up.

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Enock Wright, adj't, applied for by Colonel Penrose, Jan'y 21st, 1777.

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To Buy 100 Barrels of Salt.

To send Mr. Dehaven £500.

Two Commissaries to be appointed. One for Clothing, one for Intrenching tools, proposed Rob't Eastburn.

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February 22d, 1777.—Agreed to allow Mr. Goucher 28s. per piece for 300 Gun Barrels he has now finished, and that he be allowed 30s. per piece hereafter while Iron continued at £60 per Ton.

Jos. Clum to be found at Jno. Clum's, the Corner of Arch and Front street. Samuel Grant and family in Market street.

Evidences against Doc't Campbell.

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Memorandum. Agreed with Mr. James Old to Cast 40 Cannon, (18-pounders,) at £40 per Ton & to pay extraordinary expenses attending the carriage.

February 27th, 1777.

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March 12th, 1777.—Apply to Congress with respect to the Disposal of Young Kirkland.

Wm. Oldman, 1st Lieut in Captain Jno. Nelson's Comp'y.
Wm. Ott, 2d Lieut. " " "
Joshua Archer, 3d Lieut. " " "

Agreed that Ramsey be appointed a Captain on condition that he brings men to this City on or before the ——— next.

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To write to General Washington Concerning Col. Chambers.

Que'y. Who are the Paymasters of the Pen'a Regiments to apply to for money to pay the Soldiers' wages? The Navy board applies for 14 4-pounders.

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Doc't. Bensell applys to be Doctor of this State Regiment.

Lieut. Savage has recruited 39 men and has been exceeding active.

Col. Becker recommends very much.

Facquer M'Pherson, a deserving young man recom'd by Col. Becker, has been a volunteer all winter—an ensign.

Col. Cadwalader applies for money for recruiting service--2,000 or 3,000 dollars.

Lieut. Rich'd Thomson, 6th Reg't; dead.

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James Dundass wants £500.

Capt. Stiles wants money.

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Capt. Weiser, of Northumberland county, is directed to call on the 18 deserters, who left his company, for the bounty he paid them, and if they refuse paying him he is to sue them and report to this board as soon as possible, and remitt the money recovered from the said deserters.

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Memorandum. To write to Gen'l Washington ab't Major Ross, and request him to send ab't 30 of our State Reg't to have their pay and Cloathing under Lieut. Robb.

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April 3d.—For the Navy board to buy and fit out a small vessel to go for goods to St. Eustatia.

To have the Carriages ready for removal, and to have a light waggon & horses brought to be in constant readiness to remove the papers, Cash, &c., of this board. We have a suitable stable prepared already.

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To apply to the delegates of this State in Congress individually to have the grievances of our Ticonderoga Troops redressed.

Cannon mounted.

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Apply to Towers & Stiles to know if our stores are in order.

Send for Mr. Erwine.

Remove the stores below.

A number of waiters on this board.

The Bells and mettal at the Foundary to be removed and other utensils.

Orders to Col. Bull to prepare platforms and get in order to receive the enemy at Billingsport.

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The Tory prisoners and prisoners of war removed.

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How far it may be proper to alarm the inhabitants.

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Station men to give intelligence.

Swivel Shot, ½ lb., Ton.

The 32 Pr., have a stout Carriage made for it.

Send for Rob't Jewell.

Whether it might be proper for this board to have a Conference with Gen'l Gates on proper measures to be taken.

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A Guard at Dunks ferry with order that no man be allowed to pass without a permit.

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Some boats to be in Schuylkill; should there not be a number of boats sent to Trenton to assist Gen'l Putnam to Cross on an emergency.

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Some Gondolas stationed to prevent suspected persons passing the Delaware in the ———

Col. Melchior to be sent for.

Mr. Old thinks himself disengaged from his contract of Casting Cannon. That his orders are to cast shot first.

P. S. If he cast shot first, his furnace will be scarce of water in the summer and can not cast Cannon.

Bar shot is wanted & 5½-Inch shells.

Jas. Pearson can do it, Byers to cast an 8-Inch mortar.

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14th April, 1777.—Cattle drove from the meadows.

Artillery attended to.

Arms of the Inhabitants put in order.

Chester and Marcus hook attended to.

Boats sent to Schuylkill & Elsewhere.

Billingsport.

Fort Island.

Byers.

Gen'l Washington.

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Batteries at the lower part of the Town.

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Apply to the Navy Board respecting armed boats to be sent down the Bay to destroy any Buoy or Floats that may be fixed by the enemy.

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Quere.—Is any person sent to the sea side to look out for the enemy Fleet? if not, a person should be sent.

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Cameron, a Prisoner of war, Lodges the corner of Union street & Second street, aught to be confined.

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Young Crathorn to be inquired after.

Charles Cook on his parole, would it not be proper to order him from this city?

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Mr. Rich'd M'Call and Isaac Hazlehurst have houses in town to let, but refuse to take any tenant but such as will engage to remain in Town after the enemy get possession of the City.

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Saunders & Bailey should be apprehended, it is likely they are gone to Fredericktown to purchase horses for the enemy.

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Capt. Joy informs that 8 18-P'r, 1 12-P'r, & 1 9-P'r proved & at Reading Furnace. Q. Would it not be better to send waggons for them? Bird's Furnace is in Blast, if the board should want shells it can be done there.

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Rutter & Potts offer some ore at Colbrookdale, to try experiments in casting Cannon. Herreford furnace is the nearest.

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22d April.—Colonel William Dewees requests that he may have a serjeant's guard of Militia station'd at the Valley forge; he hopes that Continental troops will not be employ'd there. If the guard is appointed, he desires to know how they are to be victualed. Arms & ammunition will be want'd. May be had of Mr. Dehaven.

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Mease's application for Blankets.

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May 17th, 1777.—Send a person to inquire into the State of the Salt Works on Tom's River.

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June 3d.—Iron conductors to Magazine at French Creek.

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Write to Capt. Patterson, of 12th P. R., the determination of Assembly respecting substitutes.

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Cape May, 21st June, 1777.

Dr. Brother:—In making my escape, I have fallen into the Hands of the Cape May Committee, who have treated me very politely. Several Ships of War lay off here, in which there are many of your Prisoners, & as I'm very desirous of being exchanged, beg you'd use your utmost influence with the Congress to have it effected, by obtaining the liberty of Congress

for this Committee to see it put in execution. You no doubt will do everything in your power to serve me on this occasion, as it would give me particular pleasure; the rest I must leave to your own good management.

I am, D'r Brother, yours sincerely,

CHARLES COOKE.*

P. S. If not exchanged, perhaps the Congress would allow my going to New York, either on Parole or Sending one in my Room.

To Col. Jacob Cooke, Esq'r,
Indian Queen, Philada.

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June 23d.—Memm. To write to Jno. Mitchel, late commissary of Provisions, to settle his accounts. Complaints are made by the officers that they cannot settle for back rations.

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July 24th.—Salt wanted at the Gun Lock Factory.

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July 29th, 1777.—Cannon in the City:

2 long 6-pr; 4-long 4-pr; 3 Small 3-pr; 3 short 4-pr; belonging to B. McClenachan, on Race street wharf.

4 long 6-prs, belonging to Capt. Caldwell on Allen's Wharf.

2 6-pr and 3 4-pr belonging to Congress on Willing & Morris's wharf.

5 3-prs below Willing & Morris's, go down by the Sign of the Ship. Blair McClenacan.

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*Charles Cooke was a brother of Jacob Cooke, Esq., of Lancaster, and of Col. William Cooke, (of the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment,) of Northumberland, Pennsylvania; the two latter ardent Whigs. He remained in this country until ordered to depart the State by the Supreme Executive Council, as appears by the following petition addressed to the Council:

The Memorial of Charles Cooke respectfully showeth—

That your Honorable Board was pleased to order your Memorialist to depart the State by the 26th inst. That your Memorialist has been as assiduous as possible to settle his affairs so as to depart agreeable thereto, but finds that he cannot leave the State in that time without great injury to his affairs. He therefore requests you'd permit his stay within the State a few weeks longer or any period of time your Honorable Board may think proper and your memorialist will give any security required for his allegiance during his stay within this State. Your memorialist will hold in grateful remembrance any indulgence your Honorable Board will please to grant him. CHARLES COOKE.

PHILADELPHIA, 24 March, 1780.

After the war he kept up a pretty regular correspondence with Col. Wm. Cooke until the death of the latter in April, 1804. In one of his letters he describes his circumstances as exceedingly prosperous in the mercantile business in London, and adds that he receives an annual pension from the King in consideration of his losses in America.

Oath of Master of Ship to obt'n an order for a Chevax De Frize Pilot:

I, A. B., Master of the———, Called the———, bound on a voyage beyond sea, do swear that in the prosecution of my intended voyage, I will not take or permit to remain on board the said vessel from the time she leaves the town of Chester any Pilot.

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The following applications for vessels to pass down the River & Bay of Delaware was granted on the owner & others giving their words that no Pilot should be taken on Board going down the river & Bay from Chester.

Owners and Others:

April 18. Schooner Dolphin, Capt. Swift, Jno. Pringle.
" 19. Schooner ———, Capt. ———, Sam'l Mifflin.
Schooner Fly, Capt. Allen, Jas. Wharton.
Schooner Dolphin, Capt. Tyrie, Jno. Wilcocks.
Tartan, Marc Anthony, Josiah Herves.
Sloop, Flying Fish, Capt. Thouron, Josiah Herves.
" 20. Schooner Success, John Burrows, Mr. Keaton & W.

By request of Congress was permitted to go down with pilots.

April 24. Brigt. Polly, Capt. M'Fadden.
Brigt. Patty, Capt. McKevers.
Sloop Sally, Capt. Buckingham, Jno. Wilcocks.
Schooner Betsy, Capt. Williams, Jos. Donaldson.
" 26. Schooner Julia, Corban Barnes, Corban Barnes, on oath.
Sloop———, Mr. Meredith.

Qualified to take no pilot.

Schooner Grampus, Job Springer.
Sloop Tryal, Ed'd Springer.
" 29. Schooner Marian, Nevea, David Beveridge.

With Pilots at the request of Congress.

" 30. Ship, Union, Capt. Harvey.
Ship Hope, Capt. Curwin.
Ship Sally, Capt. Orman.
Brigt. Rachell, Capt. Pitt.
Brigt. Jamaica Packet, Capt. Wickes.
Sloop Fanny, Capt. Briton.
May 5. Schooner Endeavor, Robt. Harley, Capt., on Oath.
" 13. Sloop Fanny, Wm. Briton, with a Pilot.

May 14. Schooner Lovely Lass, John Taylor, Mr. Donaldson.
" 16. Brigt. Nancy, Geo. Curwin, the Capt. qualified.
" 18. Sloop Defiance, Enoch Taylor,
Snow Champion, Richard James.
Schooner Patrick, Fred'k Lime.
" 27. Sloop Sally, John Ball, and qualified to take no pilot.
" 31. Brigt. Adrian, George Kelly, qualified.
Schooner Mars, Norris Copper, qualified.
June 1. Sloop Peggy, Capt. Patton, with a pilot, Congress acc't.
" 3. Schooner Polly, Thos. Wyley, qualified to take no pilot except Chevaux de Frize.
" 8. Sloop Sally & Molly, Capt. Shile, qualified to take no pilot except Chevaux de Frize.
Sloop Betsy, Jno. Harr, qualified to take no pilot except Chevaux de Frize.
" 12. Schooner Farmer, Robert Tyrie, qualified to take no pilot except Chevaux de Frize.
" 15. Brigt. Hancock, Wingate Newman.
Brigt. Ann, Capt. Garrigues, qualified.
Schooner Caroline, Jno. Douglass, qualified.
" 17. Schoner Killbuck, Thos. Shile, qualified.
" 18. Sloop Sally, Wm. Seon, qualified.
" 20. Schooner Nancy, Jno. Brown, qualified.
Brigt. Ann, Chr. Bradley.

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Continental Commissions granted by the Committee of Safety.

| 1776. | | Vesssels. Tonage. | Cannon. | Pounders. | Men. | Prov's. | Powder. | Ball. | Captain. |
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| | | | | | | bls. | lbs. | | |
| May 28, . | Schooner Mars, | 40 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 75 | 100 | Norris Cooper. |
| June 15, | Brig't Hancock, | 115 | 4 | 6 | 80 | 90 | 1,000 | half a ton | Wingate Newman |
| | | . . . | 8 | 4 | | | | | |
| 17, | Sloop Congress, | 70 | 3 | 3 | 30 | 60 | 150 | 500 | John Craige. |

| Inferior Officers. | Qual'ty of Inferior Officers. | Owners. | Where belonging. | Security in dollars. | Fire-locks. |
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| Bowden Hammond, | 1st Lieut., . . | Jno. Wilcocks, . . . John & Peter Chevalier. | Phila., | 5,000 | 0 |
| Wm. Burton, . . . | 2d Master, . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | 0 |
| Eb. Hutting, . . . | 1st Mate, . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . |
| Benj. Woods. . . . | 2d " | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . |
| Wm. Shippen. . . . | Capt. Marines, 1st Lieut., . | Jno. Bayard, . . . . Jas. Deane & Co., . | Phila., | 10 000 | 30 |
| . . . . . | | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . |
| Jos. Hill, . . . . . | 2d Lieut. . . . | ditto. . . . . | ditto, . | 5,000 | 24 |

Council cannot but see and complain of the appointments of persons in this State who have not taken the oath of Allegiance to the State required by the laws. These officers must be arrested on leaving their country or the laws be violated.

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Board of War's instructions, such as we cannot pass by without protesting against the authority exercised by them, whatever may be the present necessity.

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The persons of This State Disposed to give their assistance to Congress, but they wish not to be affronted for it.

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Purchase of Beef, Pork, &c.

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The impressing of Waggons.

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Observation on the decline of the power of this State, and the orders of Congress to violate our laws.

As the time in which those regulations were made was extremely critical and required extraordinary exertions, and the Assembly of this State have shown their readiness to give their assistance, it remains only to make the best of our present situation.

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Letter from the Board of War contain'g queries which they do not contain.

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However the State may feel itself hurt by the conduct of the Board of War, they feel themselves above a wish to do the smallest injury to them in the return.

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Provisions of the meat kind, per R. L. H.'s letter.

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The great inconveniency which arises to the State by doing the Continental business has been sufficiently felt before the present occasion to induce us to wish to have no more to do with it.

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Not a member of the House of a doubtful character.

Portion of Struggling.

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Mr. Slough, says, He has instructions from Mr. Blaine, D. C., of purchase, to purchase a large quantity of Flour to send to the camp at ——— but that he had not been able to purchase at that price, but that he could procure wheat at 15s. per bushel and flour at about 40s.

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Malsters in Lancaster are giving 15s. per bushel for the worst wheat.

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Wheat & Rye enough.

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People of Conscience, in the county, who do not like to sell to the army.

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Rise of Tobacco & Indigo greater than that of Flour.

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Doubtful whether we have such large supplies as is supposed.

Confusion occasioned by the interference of the Board of War.

The effects which the rumours of the departure of the army has produced on the minds of the militia are already strongly felt, and it is by the hopes that this ruinous plan will not be pursued, that any of them are retained in the field 'til now.

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| 10 | Waggon | loads lodged | at Zekiel Webb's. |
| 12 | " | " | at Kennett's Squear. |
| 9 | " | " | at Cockron's Tavern. |
| 1 | " | " | at Isaac Allen's brought to Kennett's Squear for Storage. |
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The ten loads at Webb's are charged by the Sheriff for removal at 12 waggon loads, the reasons are the packages had been broke, & could not be re-packed in the same space, besides the roads were so bad the same load could not be haweld by the same number of waggons.

Memorandum of Sundreys for Fort Island for the additional Wings to Batterey, &c., &c.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To 400 Logs, @ 20s., | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| To 1,300 2½ plank, @ £20 per m, | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| To 200 pickets, @ 3s., | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To 40 days of Teem of 4 horses @ 35s. per Day, | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| From March 14 to May 31, Journeymen's Wadges, Boarding, Rum, &c., about | 700 | 000 | |
| | £1,460 | 0 | 0 |

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Brigade to be reviewed.

Familys provided for.

Assembly addressed to give orders.

Whole of the Militia not to be ordered.

Not to go out merely as Associators, but as friends to their Country and from the necessity of the case.

That the State give great encouragement to the men to turn out. Assembly must do this. Not armed—all of them. That those who will not go be fined, & the fines given to those who do go.

That every able bodied man be called upon to serve his Country, and a fine of —— Pounds immediately demanded from those who refuse.

Assembly to resolve that the old militia regulations be continued.

The boats on the East side of Delaware secured.

Apply to congress for the axes ready to go to the Northward, & intrenching tools.

Messengers employ'd through the East.

Jerseys, the Light horse.

Arms left at Amboy, &c., to be sent for.

To be mentioned in the address to Assembly the necessity of something being set forth by them previous to the calling out the Brigade.

Jacob Hiltzheimer sent for.

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Wanted—For the use of the Provincial Salt Works:

20 Muskets, Catouch boxes & Ammunition, &c.

2 Cannon, 6-P'rs, 2 Howetzers, with their apperatus, ammunition, &c.

£600, Cash.

Sundry utensils for accommodating ye workmen, and an order of Congress to prevent them being Drafted in the Jersey Malitia.

And sundry materials for building the Works.

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This Concession to be made by Capt. Moore in Presence of the field officers of the Battalion & Capt. Dougherty:

"Under the Influence of Passion occasioned by the Transaction of that evening, and being in an Error at that time, I am sensible that I behaved to you very improperly & unbecoming an Officer. I therefore beg your Pardon for the Share I had in the treatment you then met with."

To be made on Monday, 2 'Clock.

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T. Matlack Moves in Council, That James Humphreys. Printer, be called before this Board to inform the Board from whence and of whom he received the intelligence published in his Ledger of the 9th Instant, concerning the Burning of New York and the arrival of the Troops in the pay of Great Britain, at New York.

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Gent:—The Committee of Safety have heard with great Satisfaction of your Success in casting an Iron Cannon—they now request you will complete it as soon as possible and send it to them for proof, that no Time may be lost in contracting and engaging for a Number of greater Weight and Size, which they entertain the strongest Hopes you will be able to make.

Dear Sir:—Captain Joy informs us that you are about laying the hearth of your Furnace and requests that you will make it of as large a capacity as you conveniently can, provided you mean to contract with us, in which request he is seconded by the Committee of Safety.

To Mr. Sam. Potts.

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Whereas, the Exigencies of the State may require large Quantities of Military Stores, and it may possibly happen that Powder and other Stores may be disposed of by the Importers to such persons who may make an improper use of them and may cause them to fall into hands inimical to the Liberties of the United States of America—this Council taking the said matters into their most serious consideration, think it highly proper and essential to the public Welfare to Resolve, that the Naval Officer of the port of Philadelphia be directed to return to this Board accounts of such Military Stores as may

be Entered in his office as soon as possible after the Entry is made, and that the Importers be requested to give the refusal of all such Military Stores to this Board for the public service before they otherwise dispose of them.

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In Council of Safety.

To all Militia officers and others:

By Intelligence Just received we find his Excellency General Washington, by a masterstroke of Generalship, has got between a Considerable Body of the Enemy and New York; has attacked several posts with success, made many prisoners and taken a great deal of Stores; his Situation appears to be Critical unless immediately supported by the Pennsylvania Militia. Gen'l Putnam has march'd with a Considerable number to Bristol, and only waits for a Good re-inforcement in order to attack the Enemy on this side, and are much pleased with the resolves of Congress therein.

List of Persons applying to make Gun Carriages:

| | Number |
|---|---|
| Gunning Bedford, | 6 |
| Joseph Rush & Wm. Ashton, | |
| John Fraley, | |
| Christleb Bartlet, | |
| Thos. Nevill, | |
| Will'm M'Dowell, | 3 |
| Jesse Row, | |
| Ezekiel Worrell, | |
| Will'm Colliday, | |
| Wm. Evans, | |
| Rob't Allison, | |

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Geo. Easterly, Blacksmith, applies to do Iron work.

Jno. Stiller & Christ'n Berkley, applies to make the wheels.

Andrew Ashton, a very good Smith, would be glad to do some work.

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To fix on the officers & appoint them to carry on the building of the Fort.

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To get an acc't of the number of Gunns for which Carriages are to be made.

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Fix a time to meet with the Workmen who make Carriages, & give each their proportion.

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What Gunns to be put on board the two Floating Batts., & who to make the Carriages?

How many of the Carriages of the Fort to be trail Carriage?

Whether 4 or 5 Carpenters would not be sufficient for the whole Fleet?

To appoint a paymaster for the Fleet.

Mr. Evans has sufficient stuff for,

10 32-pounders.
20 24 do.
20 18 do.
20 12 do.

Mr. Loxley has enough.

20 6-Pounders.
20 4 do.
20 9 do.

Mr. Evans has cut up,

10 carriages for 12-pounders.
3 do. for 18 "

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Applications for making gun Carriages:

Thomas Cargee.
Godfrey Gabbler, Blacksmith.
John M'Cullough, Carpenter.
Jesse Rowe, do.
P. M'Glathery, for Thomas Nevill, Carpenter.
Gunning Bedford, Carpenter.
Ezekiel Worrell, do.
James Lynch, do.
Nicholas Garrett, do.
Joseph Rush.
William Ashton.
John Fraley.
Christleb Bartling.
James Bowles, East Caln, Chester Co.
William M'Dowell, Fourth Street.
William Colliday, Carpenter.
William Evans.
Robert Allison.
George Easterly, Blacksmith.
John Stiller & Christian Beakly, Wheelwrights.
Andrew Ashton, Blacksmith.
Thomas Search, Wheelwright.
George Spangler, in Strawberrey alley.

George Gentnor, in Pennington's Alley.
James Anness, near the Indian Qeen.
Frederick Wire, at Adam Irvin's Still hous, Near Arbuckel's row.
Andrew Winmore, in 5th Street, apposit to Lawrence Shinney.
Fredrick Lesher, apposit the Governor's in Market Street.
Jacob Dawverdissel, in 3d Street, to have Bushes' horse.
Edward Stroud, in 5th Street, the Corner of Spruce Street.
Samuel Dewvese.

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Thomas Nevill is desired to make, as soon as possible, the following Gun Carriages:

12 Carriages for 6-pounders—Field Carriages.
4 Field carriages for 12-pounders.
12 Trail Carriages for 18-pounders, on board Province Ship.
1 do. for 32-pounders, on board the Washington.

Mr. Nevill is desired to divide the Wheelwright & Blacksmith's work amongst Stiller & Beakly & Thomas Search, Wheelwrights; and Thomas Cargee, George Easterly, Andrew Ashton & Matthew Moffet, Blacksmiths, & Valentine Hoffman, Blacksmith.

Que. Whether Mr. Nevill is to make Beds for two Mortars making by Mr. Loxley?

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Carriages to be made:

14 nine-pounders for the Ship, pattern of which is just below Market Wharff.
31 twelve-pounders, patterns in State House yard.
61 eighteen do. do. do. do.
1 Trail Carriage for 32-pounder on board ye Washington.

# COL. ATLEE'S JOURNAL

OF THE

# BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND

## AUGUST 26, 1776.

[Laid before the Executive Council Nov. 16, 1779.]

# COL. ATLEE'S JOURNAL.

## COL. SAMUEL J. ATLEE TO HON. JOHN BAYARD.

Nov. 16th, 1779.

Sir:—Upon looking into a late Act of Assembly of this State, entitled "An Act for the more effectual supply and honorable reward of the Pennsylvania Troops in the service of the United States of North America," I find, to my great astonishment, that myself with many other early Adventurers, and in The time of the greatest Dangers, are totally neglected.

It may be well remembered, Sir, that so early as the 21 March, 1776, by Resolve of the House of Assembly, I was appointed to the command of the State Reg't of Musquetry, which Reg't was raised, cloath'd, armed, disciplined and in the actual service of the United States before some others previously ordered to be raised in this and other of the States for the Continental Line.

What services were performed by this Reg't during the time I had the honor to command it, particularly on the 27th of Aug't, '76, you, Sir, as well as the House, will find in the enclosed extract from my journal.

Their actions subsequent to the 16th of Nov'r are more particularly within your own knowledge.

The three Pennsylvania Battalions were, shortly after, thrown into one regiment. The seeds of that discipline they have in the course of the year so often displayed, I flatter myself I had the honor of planting, and was very happy in the accounts given me by Colonel Miles, on his return to New York, in January, 1777, of my own country not having forgot me, but that the command would be reserved for me, promising myself to have reaped, at their head, the Honors I flattered myself I was entitled to—a regiment, I am bold to say, deserved as well the notice and consideration of those by whom they were appointed as any other in the service; a regiment by whose efforts, in a great degree, was preserved our retreating troops on the 27th of August.

Least I should have been thought vain, I have hitherto suppressed my account of this day's proceedings, nor mentioned my many dangers, losses, labours and sacrifices of domestic tranquility in the service of my country, a recital of which I always viewed as a disagreeable task, and inconsistent with the fine feelings of a soldier.

After my release from captivity—a long captivity of 26 months—no vacancy then in the army, I thought myself highly honored by my country, when I did not partake of the dangers of the Field, to be called to the Labors of the Cabinet in the great Councill of the Nation.

Alas! how deceitful are appearances. Instead of meeting (as I flattered myself I merited) the applause of my country, I have been cruelly disgraced, and that in such a manner as adds insult to the injury, by the grand inquest of the State, without knowing my crime or having public opportunity of vindicating my injured honor.

"I am now, sir, to return to the sweets of domestic life with a consciousness of having, to the utmost of my abilities, done my duty to my country, whether in the civil or the military Line.

I am Sir, with due Regard,

Your Most Ob't H'ble Servant,

SAMUEL J. ATLEE.

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## EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNAL OF COL. ATLEE.

Long Island, Tuesday, August 27th, 1776.

This morning before day, the Camp was alarmed by an attack upon the Pickett, stationed upon the lower Road leading to the Narrows, commanded by Major Burd of the Pennsylv'a flying Camp. About day light a part of Lord Sterling's Brigade, to wit: Col. Smallwood's, Col. Haslett's, part of Lutz's & Kirhline's Flying Camp, and part of mine, in the whole about 2,300 men, under the Command of Maj. Gen. Sullivan and the Brigadiers, Lord Sterling and Parsons, march'd to support the Pickett attacked by the enemy. About ½ after seven the enemy were discovered advancing, about 2½ miles from the lines at Brookline, in order—their field Artillery in

front. This proved the left wing of the British Army, the 4th & 6th Brigades, composed of the following Regiments: the 17th, 23d, 40th, 42d, 44th, 46th, 55th, 57th and 64th under the Command of Major General Grant.

I then rec'd orders from L'd Sterling, with that part of my Battallion in the Field, to advance and oppose the Enemy's passing a morass at the Foot, a fine rising Ground upon which they were drawing up, and give him time to form the Brigades upon the Heights. This order I immediately obeyed, exposed without any kind of Cover to the Enemy's Fire of Artillery charged with Grape. We sustained their Fire untill the Brigade was form'd. I then filed off to the Left and took post on a fine woody eminence on the left of the Brigade.

My troops just posted, when I received a Reinforcement of 2 Companies from the Delawares, with orders to file off further to the Left, and prevent, if possible, a large detachment of the enemy from turning the Left of the Brigade. Upon filing off to the Left, according to the orders rec'd, I espied, at the Distance of about 300 yards, a Hill of Clear Ground, a proper situation to oppose the Regiments endeavoring to flank us; which hill, I determined, if possible, to gain before them, judging they were likewise making for it. On marching up the Hill, and within about 50 yards of the summit, we unexpectedly rec'd a heavy Fire from the Enemy taken post there before me, notwithstanding the forced march I made. Upon receiving the heavy Fire, my detachment, under a continued and exceeding warm Fire of the Enemy, formed in order.

The 2 companies of the Delaware Reg't, excepting the Lieuts. Stewart & Harney, with about 16 privates, broke, and had nearly drawn after them the whole of my detachment. This caused a moment's Halt, but the Officers & men recovering from the surprize at receiving so rough & unexpected a salutation, upon receiving my orders to advance, immediately obeyed, with such Resolution that the Enemy, after a severe Conflict of a few minutes, left me master of the Hill, leaving behind them a Lieut. and six privates wounded, and fourteen privates killed. My troops, flush'd with this advantage, were for pushing after the flying Enemy, but perceiving at about 60 yards from the Hill we had just gain'd, across a Hollow way, a Stone Fence lined with wood, from behind which we might be greatly annoyed, I ordered not to advance but maintain the possession of the Hill; (which answered at this Time every necessary purpose.) The order was immediately obeyed, when we found by a heavy Fire from the Fence that it was

lined as I expected. The Fire was as briskly returned by my brave Soldiers. The Enemy finding it too hott and our fire too well directed, retreated to and joined the Right of this wing of their army. In this severe conflict I lost my worthy Friend and Lt. Col. Parry, whom, in the midst of the action and immediately after he fell, I ordered to be bourn by four Soldiers off the Field into the Lines at Brook Line. The Enemies situation here was so advantageous that had they been marksmen, and directed their Fire with judgment, they might have cut off the greatest part of my detachment, I having left, for the security of my Right Flank and to protect my Rear in case of Retreat, a Company in a Wood upon my Right. After this first Attack which continued in the whole for about 15 minutes, we brought from the field such of their wounded whom I judged might be assisted, and about 25 stand of Arms. The wounded I placed in my Rear under the Shade of some Bushes, it being intencely hott; the arms I distributed to such of my soldiers as were the most indifferently arm'd, and the wounded Lieut. taken at our first gaining the Hill I sent to L'd Sterling by a Drum & Fife. He died on the way. After placing the proper Guards, I ordered my fatigued soldiers to rest themselves. We continued in this situation about 20 minutes, when the Enemy was discover'd marching down to make a second attempt for the Hill. Both officers and soldiers immediately flew to arms, and with remarkable coolness and resolution sustained and returned their Fire for about 10 minutes, when the Enemy were obliged once more to a precipitate flight, leaving behind them, Killed, Lt. Col. Grant, a number of Privates, and great many wounded. These wounded not mortally, I likewise removed into my rear; one I sent to L'd Sterling that had rec'd a wound in the leg. I sent my Adjutant to his Lordship, with an acc't of my successive advantages, to know his lordship's further orders and to request a Re-inforcement. My Adjutant returned with 2 Companies of Riflemen of the flying Camp, who remain'd with me a few minutes, being soon order'd to rejoin their Corps. Very luckily, after this second enagement, an ammunition Cart belonging to Col. Huntington's Reg't arrived at my post, of which we stood in great need, having entirely exhausted our ammunition and fired many rounds from that taken from the Enemy every time we had the good fortune to beat them off the Field. The officers were extremely alert, and, from the ammunition so opportunely arrived, soon supplied their men with sufficient Stock to sustain another attack, should the Enemy think

proper to make it. They did not suffer us to wait long. In about half an Hour we were alarm'd of their appearance the third Time.

The eagerness of the Officers and Soldiers to receive them deserves my warmest acknowledgments and those of their Country. They were received as usual, and as usual Fled after a warm conflict of about 10 or 12 minutes. I now determined to pursue but observed a Reg't which proved to be the 22d or Royal Highlanders coming down to sustain the Royal Runners who were the 23d and 44th. I halted, prepared to receive them likewise, but the drubbing their Friends had so repeatedly received, I believe, prevented them, and they seemed satisfyed with protecting the Refugees and conducting such as were able to the army.

Major Burd, who was taken at the attack of the Pickett on the Right, and was at Gen'l Grant's Quarters during the above several attacks, informed me after each great number of Officers and Soldiers came in wounded.

I fully expected, as did my Officers, that the strength of the British Army was advancing in this Quarter with intention to have taken this Rout to our Lines, but how greatly were we deceived when intelligence was received that the Center, composed of the Hessians and the Right wing, were rapidly advancing by our Rear, and that we were nearly surrounded.

This we were soon convinced of by an exceeding heavy Fire about a mile in our Rear, no Troops being in that Quarter to oppose the march of this Grand Body of the British Army but Col. Miles, 2 Battalions of Rifle men, Col. Willis's Reg't of Connecticut, and a part of Lutz's Battalion of Penn'a Flying Camp.

I once more sent my Adjutant to Lord Sterling to acquaint him with my last success and for further orders, but receiving no answer and after waiting for the Enemy more than half an hour, they not approaching in Front, those in the Rear drawing very near, I judged it most prudent to join the Brigade, where I might be of more service than in my present situation. I therefore ordered a march, leaving upon the Field, Killed, Lt. Col. Grant and upward of sixty men and great number wounded, beside those taken at Sundry times into my Rear. The World may judge my surprise when coming to the Ground where our Brigade had been drawn up, to find they had gone off without my receiving the least intelligence of the Retreat or orders what to do.

I cou'd, I doubt not, with considerable loss, have made my retreat, but perceiving at a distance, near the water, the Rear of our Troops and at the same time a Body of the Enemy advancing toward them, who proved to be the British Grenadiers, commanded by Col. Monckton, these were attacked by a few brave fellows. Not able to prevent them, I ordered my Fatigued party once more to advance and take possession of a post and Rail Fence, at the Foot of a rising Ground over which the Grenadiers were moving with great rapidity. The Timely assistance brought these few brave fellows by a party this day, often try'd and as often victorious, encouraged those already engaged and obliged the Grenadiers to quit the ground they had gain'd and retire to a fence lined with wood. Here we kept up a Close and constant Fire for upwards of a Quarter of an Hour, untill the Brigade had retreated out of our Sight. Our ammunition now again entirely spent and our Retreat after the Brigade effectually cut off, I was then obliged to file off to the Right with what men I cou'd collect and endeavor to find a way out in that Quarter.

After various Struggles, running thro' the Fire of many of the Enemy's detachments, and nearly fatigued to death, not having eat or drank since the day before about 4 O'Clock in the afternoon, no alternative presenting, I was obliged to surrender to the 71st Highlanders, having with me about 40, officers included. About 5 O'Clock arrived at Gen'l Howe's Quarters, receiving as we passed thro' the right wing of the British Army, the most opprobrious and scurrulous Language.

Thus ended this unfortunate 27th of August, during which myself and small detachment underwent inexpressable Fatigue, and escaped death in a variety of Instances; and, altho' the day terminated unsuccessfully, I have the pleasing reflection that sundry Times the entire ruin of the Troops was by my small detachment prevented; First in the three successful attacks made upon the 23d and 44th British Regiments, who were attempting to turn our left, and lastly, in preventing the Grenadiers from destroying the Rear in their retreat over the water.

In the first, Grant fell, and in the Last was sundry officers and many soldiers killed, and Monkton wounded thro' the Body. I, myself, several months after, was shewn the Graves of several of the Officers who fell at this time.

I cannot here forebear testifying my acknowledgments to those brave few for their Courage this day so repeatedly Shewn.

I think I may, without Vanity, conclude that no Regiment in this or any other service, considering the Disparity of Numbers & Discipline, has in the same time performed greater services.

S. J. A.
Exchanged Oct. 1st, 1778.

# JOURNAL

OF

# COL. SAMUEL MILES,

CONCERNING THE

## Battle of Long Island--1776.

# JOURNAL.

In the Spring of 1776, I was appointed to the command of a regiment of riflemen, consisting of 1,000 men, formed in two battalions. Nearly the whole of this number was raised in about six weeks, and rendezvous at Marcus Hook, when the Row Gallies were ordered down the river to attack the Roebuck and her companion. I left the Council of Safety in the evening with some powder and lead for my riflemen, and in the morning marched about 150 of them, which were all I could equip in time, to Wilmington, and saw the whole of that action, and I am convinced that had the Gallies been sufficiently supplied with ammunition in due time, (although one-half of them appeared very shy and never came within point blank shot of the ships,) that those vessels, at least the Roebuck, would have fallen into our hands.

A few days after this action I was ordered to march 500 men to suppress an insurrection in Sussex county, Delaware, but before I got to Lewistown, the insurgents had dispersed and the ringleaders made their escape to the Eastern shore of Maryland. On my return from Lewistown, I was immediately ordered to send a body of men to suppress an insurrection in Monmouth county, N. Jersey, and Lt. Col. Brodhead was sent with a detachment of about 400 men, but the whigs of that state had completed the business before his arrival. He proceeded in obedience to orders and joined General Mercer, at Amboy, and the next day the whole of the regiment remaining began its march for the same place, as did Col. Atlee's battalion of Musketry and Capt. Proctor's company of Artillery. Not many days afterward we got to Amboy, General Roberdeau arrived there to take command of the Flying camp, of which, by a resolution of the Assembly, our corps was to form a part; the General to command the Flying camp was elected by the officers of the Militia, who had been selected to be added to Col. Atlee's corps, and mine, to make up that body; they met at Lancaster and elected Daniel Roberdeau. As we had no choice in electing the General, we refused to serve under him.

The General was therefore at Amboy for sometime without any command. My regiment was soon ordered to join the army at New York. At that time General Washington had 24,000 men in his army, upwards of 7,000 of whom were returned sick and unfit for duty.

On the landing of the British army on Long Island, I was ordered over with my rifle regiment to watch their motions. I marched near to the village of Flat Bush, where the Highlanders then lay, but they moved the next day to Gen'l Howe's camp, and their place was supplied by the Hessians. I lay here within cannon shot of the Hessian camp for four days without receiving a single order from Gen'l Sullivan, who commanded on Long Island, out of the lines. The day before the action he came to the camp, and I then told him the situation of the British Army; that Gen'l Howe, with the main body, lay on my left, about a mile and a-half or two miles, and I was convinced when the army moved that Gen'l Howe would fall into the Jamaica road, and I hoped there were troops there to watch them. Notwithstanding this information, which indeed he might have obtained from his own observation, if he had attended to his duty as a General ought to have done; no steps were taken, but there was a small redoubt in front of the village which seemed to take up the whole of his attention, and where he stayed until the principal part of the British army had gotten between him and the lines, by which means he was made prisoner as well as myself. If Gen'l Sullivan had taken the requisite precaution, and given his orders agreeably to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief, there would have been few if any prisoners taken on the 27th of August, 1776. As Gordon in his history of the war has charged me indirectly with not doing my duty, I will here state my position and conduct. I lay directly in front of the village of Flat Bush, but on the left of the road leading to New York, where the Hessians were Encamped. We were so near each other, that their shells they sometimes fired went many rods beyond my camp.

The main body of the Enemy, under the immediate command of Gen'l Howe, lay about 2 miles to my left, and General Grant, with another body of British troops, lay about four miles on my right. There were several small bodies of Americans dispersed to my right, but not a man to my left, although the main body of the Enemy lay to my left, of which I had given General Sullivan notice. This was our situation on the 26th of August. About one o'clock at night Gen. Grant, on the

right, and Gen. Howe, on my left, began their march, and by daylight Grant had got within a mile of our entrenchments, and Gen. Howe had got into the Jamaica road, about two miles from our lines. The Hessians kept their position until 7 in the morning. As soon as they moved the firing began at our redoubt. I immediately marched towards where firing was, but had not proceeded more than 1 or 200 yards until I was stopped by Colonel Wyllys, who told me that I could not pass on; that we were to defend a road that lead from Flatbush road to the Jamaica road. Col. Wyllys bearing a Continental, and I a State commission, he was considered a senior officer and I was obliged to submit; but I told him I was convinced the main body of the enemy would take the Jamaica road, that there was no probability of their coming along the road he was then guarding, and if he would not let me proceed to where the firing was, I would return and endeavor to get into the Jamaica road before Gen. Howe. To this he consented, and I immediately made a retrograde march, and after marching nearly two miles, the whole distance through woods, I arrived within sight of the Jamaica road, and to my great mortification I saw the main body of the enemy in full march between me and our lines, and the baggage guard just coming into the road. A thought struck me of attacking the baggage guard, and, if possible, to cut my way through them and proceed to Hell Gate to cross the Sound. I, however, ordered the men to remain quite still, (I had then but the first battalion with me, for the second being some distance in the rear, I directed Major Williams, who was on horseback, to return and order Lt. Col. Brodhead to push on by the left of the enemy and endeavor get into our lines that way, and happily they succeeded, but had to wade a mill dam by which a few were drowned,) and I took the adjutant with me and crept as near the road as I thought prudent, to try and ascertain the number of the baggage guard, and I saw a grenadier stepping into the woods. I got a tree between him and me until he came near, and I took him prisoner and examined him. I found that there was a whole brigade with the baggage, commanded by a general officer.

I immediately returned to the battalion and called a council of the officers and laid three propositions before them: 1st, to attack the baggage guard and endeavor to cut our way through them and proceed to Hell Gate and so cross the Sound; 2nd, to lay where we were until the whole had passed us and then proceed to Hell Gate; or, 3d, to endeavor to force

our way through the enemy's flank guards into our line at Brooklyn. The first was thought a dangerous and useless attempt as the enemy was so superior in force. The 2nd I thought the most eligible, for it was evident that adopting either of the other propositions we must lose a number of men without affecting the enemy materially, as we had so small a force, not more than 230 men. This was, however, objected to, under the idea that we should be blamed for not fighting at all, and perhaps charged with cowardice, which would be worse than death itself. The 3d proposition was therefore adopted, and we immediately began our march, but had not proceeded more than half a mile until we fell in with a body of 7 or 800 light infantry, which we attacked without hesitation, but their superiority of numbers encouraged them to march up with their bayonets, which we could not withstand, having none ourselves. I therefore ordered the Troops to push on towards our lines. I remained on the ground myself until they had all passed me, (the enemy were then within less than 20 yards of us,) and by this means I came into the rear instead of the front of my command. We had proceeded but a short distance before we were again engaged with a superior body of the enemy, and here we lost a number of men, but took Major Moncrieffe, their commanding officer, prisoner, but he was a Scotch prize for Ensign Brodhead, who took him and had him in possession for some hours, was obliged to surrender himself. Finding that the enemy had possession of the ground between us and our lines, and that it was impossible to cut our way through as a body, I directed the men to make the best of their way as well as they could; some few got in safe, but there were 159 taken prisoners. I was myself entirely cut off from our lines and therefore endeavored to conceal myself, with a few men who would not leave me. I hoped to remain until night, when I intended to try to get to Hell Gate and cross the Sound; but about 3 o'clock in the afternoon was discovered by a party of Hessians and obliged to surrender—thus ended the career of that day.

# LIST

OF

# SICK SOLDIERS

IN

Philadelphia, December, 1776.

# SICK SOLDIERS—1776.

No. 1. A List of sick Soldiers in the Hospitals in and about the City of the Philadelphia, taken by order of the Council of Safety by Benjamin Paschall and Thomas Young, began December 16, 1776.

At Shields's, between Front and Second Streets.

Of Capt. Philip Lee's co., 3d Virginia Regiment: Listed till next March, complain for want of vegetables, & straw & wood.

1. James Wood, very sick.
2. Spencer Anderson, do.
3. Silvester Moss, do.
4. John Gunion, do.
5. Joseph Parsons, do.
6. Aaron Jarret, do.
7. Bartram Bryant, do.
8. William Holdham, do.
9. Bednay Tolford, do.
10. Nath'l Tyler, lax and fever.
11. William Groves, pain in ye limbs.
12. Francis Turner, a cold.
13. Frull Filbert, pains in ye limbs & swelling.
14. Alex. M'Pherson, nursing the sick.
15. Cornelius Hurley, pains in the limbs.
16. Wm. Thurman, do.

Of Capt. Washington's co., Do.:

17. Jas. Harrison, cold & lax.
18. Peter Kindal, fever, pains & fever with lax.
20. Sam'l Appleby, cold and lax with fever.
21. John Scot, cold and sore throat.
22. George Nelson, sore leg & ye itch.

(All complain for want of bedding, firing and refreshments, having drawn no pay these four months. Lt. Peyton having drawn 1,000 dollars for the use of the sick and gone with it to Baltimore.)

Of Capt. Wallace's co., Do.:

23. John Kenedy, cold and fever.
24. Jona. ———, cold and weak.

25. Jno. Wharton, cold and pains in the limbs; cloaths stolen.
26. Jer. Gardner, a bad fever.
Alex. Sims, pains and fever.
Eliz. Williams, high fever.
Charles Bustle, pains & fever.
Wm. Southerland, fever and ague.
Jno. Danzy, constant fever & numbness.
George Mitchell, fever & pains.
Jno. Thomson, well.
Adam White, pains and lax.
William Jones, waits on the sick.
Hosier Rogers, sent in with sick.
James Powers, sick a long time.
James Jones, pains and fever.
Jno. Wharton, fever and itch.
George Jones, jaundice.
Rich'd Kennedy, a tender ailing.
Peter Taylor, sore legs.
43. David Price, long ill.

At McElroy's.

Of Capt. West's co., Do:
William Maney, cold, fever & pains.
William Bailey, very ill.
Samson Saunders, bad purging.

Of Capt. Washington's co.:
Colbert McDaniels, pains, (complain for want of pay, their officers being absent.)

Of Capt. Kyes's Company, Coll. Durkee's reg't, Connecticut:
Jno. Turner, rheumatism.
Jos. Cummings, convalescent.
Amariah Lyon, do.

Of Capt. Griswold, rheumatism.
Andrew Griswold, rheumatism.
Jabez Post, pains, head, back, limbs.
John Dyor, pains & fever.

Of Capt. Brown's co.:
Sam'l Church, nurses the sick.

Of Capt. Clift's co.:
Tim'o Underwood, pains & fever.

Of Capt. Bowman's co., and Coll. Knox's Reg't of Artillery:
Peter Young, a high fever.

Of Capt. Darby's co., Delaware Bat'n:
Thomas Tracy, very bad fever.

A wife and two children in great distress at Mr. Livelong's, Norris's alley.

At Semple's Store, fr't street.

Of Cap't Brown's co., Coll. Durkee's reg't:
Ephraim Bacon, convalescent.
Aaron Meeker, fit for duty.
63. Jared Ingraham, a bad cold.
Henry Coxswain, do.
Joseph Warden, fit for duty.

Of Capt. Manning's co., Do.:
Abner Marcey, convalescent.
Elias Upton, pains & purging.
Daniel Hibbard, rheumatic pains.
Adoijah Kingsley, foul fluids.
John Brock, rheumatic.
Cromwell Bennet, fit for duty.

Of Capt. Tilden's co., Do.:
Sam'l Grace, fit for duty.
Benj. Bedlow, do.
Jos. Michell, do.
Jedediah Geers, do.
77. Elijah Brown, do.

Of C. Robinson's co., Do.:
Jas. Ford, rheumatic.
Andrew Allen, a bad flux.
Elijah Greenslit, convalescent.
Luke Richardson, fit for duty.
Alpheus Wentworth, lame.

Of Capt. Clefts co., Do.:
John Lilly, convalescent.
80. Lemuel Allen, a bad cold & sore eye.
Asher Adams, fit for duty.
Asa Rathbone, do.
David Hovey, do.
Job Shepherd, do.
89. Ens'n Jno. Aldin, do.

Of Capt. Kyes's co.:
Christ'n Bowen, cold, rheumatic.
Nathan Russ, convalescent.
Sam'l Utley, fit for duty.

Oliver Gary, convalescent.
John Baker, do.
Zadoc Dimmick, fit for duty.
Stephen Cummings, convalescent.
Thomas Southward, Aguish.
David Culver, convalescent.
Ezra Phelps, fit for duty.

At Dr. Young's, one week.

Of Capt. Hammond's co., Collo. Hall's B., Maryland Flying Camp:
Thomas Fairbrother, fever & flux.

Bettering house, Ward 7.

Of Capt. Ramsay's co., Collo. Smallwood's Regt.:
Michael Nowland, convalescent.

Of Capt. Smith's co., Do.:
Charles Pierce.

Of Capt. Disney's co., Collo. Hall:
William Nicols.

Of Capt. Craig's co., Collo. Hand:
Will'm Daley, fever & flux, very ill.

Of Capt. Miller's co., Collo. Montgomery:
Jno. M'Dowel, jaundice, very ill.

Of Capt. Forrest's co., Collo. Euen:
Jno. Brumhall, fever & flux.
110. Jas. Brumhall, convalescent.

Of Capt. Christ's co., Collo. Broadhead:
John Humely, rheumatic, very ill.

Of Capt. Smith's co., Collo. Hand:
Owen M'Ginnes, convalescent.

Of Capt. Holliday's co.:
Thomas Drew, convalescent.

Of Capt. Towel's co., Atlee:
Edward Quin, convalescent.

Of Capt. Forrest's co., Collo. Euen:
Jesse Herbert, fever & sore throat.

Of Capt. Hammond's co., Collo. Hall:
William Humfrey, convalescent.

Of Capt. Nelson's co., Collo. Swope:
Matthias Resler, Jaundice, low.

Of Capt. Craig's co., Collo. Hand:
118. Nicolas Smith, recovering, weak.

Of Capt. Heister's co., Col. Haller:
Stephen Fritterer, convalescent.

Of Capt. Smith's co., Collo. Smallwood:
Martin Wheeler, convalescent.

Of Christ's co., Collo. Broadhead:
Jacob Hakeman, fever and pains.
Peter Dreyer, do.
Hendrick Lefler, convalescent.
Simon Reiher, fit for duty.

Of Capt. Evan's co., Coll. M'tgomery:
Adam Pope, convalescent.
Isaac Herrington, fit for duty nearly.
Philip Fennis, convalescent.
John Bonnia, do.
Caspar Lutz, do.
Abraham Everhard, fit for duty.
131. John Gibson, do.
Henry Fulford, fit for duty.

Of Capt. Williams' co., Collo. M'tgomery:
Bastian Eedy, convalescent.

Of Capt. Grubb's co., Coll. Broadhead:
John Smith, convalescent.

Of Capt. Hall's co., Collo. Haslet:
Thos. Turner, very low, but recovering.

Of Capt. ———:
John Hughs, very weak.

Of Capt. Morrow's co., Col. Miles or B'h'd:
John Welsh, slowly recovering.

Of Capt. Wetzel's co., Col. B'h'd:
William Clark, convalescent.
Michael Nowland, a little ailing.
Thos. Little, pains thro' his bones and powder burnt.
Peter Davis, rheumatism.
142. James Clayton, Lame with a wound in the leg.

Of Capt. Grubb's co., Colo. Broadhead:
John McWade, rheumatism.

Of Capt. Dean's co., Colo. Richardson:
Dan'l Knight, fever and jaundice, very ill.

Of Capt. Marshall's co., Collo. Broadhead:
William Lyon, recovering slowly.

Of Capt. Craig's co., Col. Hand:
Elijah Hardy, stiff and painful lags.
Peter Adams, very ill, billious fever.

Of Capt. Doyle's co., Colo. Hand:
Thos. Magrath, venereal, unfit for duty.

Of Capt. Smith's co., Colo. Smallwood:
William Downs, unfit for duty.

Of Capt. Craig's co., Colo. M'tgomery:
Henry Fentlinger, fit for duty

Of Capt. West's co., Weeden, Col:
John Day, convalescent.

Of Capt. Wolford's co., Colo. Smallwood:
153. Patrick Farrell, fever and ague.

Capt. Miller's co., Coll. M'tGomery:
Charles Ray, convalescent.

Of Capt. Armstrong's co.:
Thos. Wallace, rheumatic.
Dan'l Loyd, lame of a scald.
John Robinson, mending slowly.

Of Capt. Miller's co.:
John Church, mending slowly.
Rob't Miller, rheumatic.

Of Capt. Smith's, Col. Smallwood:
Jesse McCarty, slowly recovering.

Of Capt. Craig's co., Col. Hand:
Alban Mattingly, convalescent.

Of Capt. Washington's co., Coll. Weeden. (The nurse sick.)
Peter Bryham, jaundiced, very ill.

Of Capt. Ashton's co.:
Rob't Berryman, fever and flux, near death.

Of Capt. Howell's co., Col. Hall:
164. William Schooley, weak, but mending.
Robert Green, mumps, very ill in the privates.

Of Captain Sims's co., Col. Smallwood:
William Heyder, pains in the limbs, slowly recovering.

Of Captain Posey's co., Col. Euen:
Sam'l Hodgkins, a lax, recovering slowly.
Thomas Shute, do.

Of Capt. Hamilton's co., Col. Hand.
Archibald Haggerty, pain in limbs and very weak.

Of Capt. Ashby's co., Col. Weeden:
Thos. Craigen, bad pain, the side.

Of Capt. Gunby's co., Col. Smallwood:
John Mitchell, a pleurisy.

Of Capt. Wright's co., Coll. Wylly's:
Dan'l Knowles, rheumatism, ill.

Of Capt. Evans's co., Col. Smallwood:
Thomas Hamilton, rheumatism and lax.

Of Capt. Dean's co., Col. Richardson:
Richard Wells, a habitual vomiting.

Of Capt. Veesey's co., Col. Smallwood:
John Greenwood, convalescent.

Of Capt. Harris's co., Col. Hand:
William Robinson, rheumatic.

Of Capt. McFarlin's co., Coll. Watt, F. C.:
James Fleming, a bad flux, very low.
Robert Donnelson, convalescent.
John Dunning, prolapsus ani.

Of Capt. Paxton's co., Coll. McAllister:
John Harman, convalescent.

Of Capt. Harris's co., Col. Hand:
Jacob Windfield, jaundiced and painful.

Of Capt. Simpson's co., Col. Hand.
Anthony Moor, slowly mending.

Of Capt. Parr's co., Col. Hand:
Peter Condon, fever and ague, bad.
184. Patrick Dunahoe, convalescent.
Cornelius McConnel, recovering.
Joseph Whitecreek, (a tender.)

Of Capt. Burke's co., Colo. Richardson:
Tho. Marshall, pleads a discharge.

Of Capt. Disney's company, Colo. Hall:
John Waters, bilious fever, ill.

Of Capt. Yates's co., Colo. Hall:
Jas. Walker, swell'd testicle.

Of Capt. Sims's co., Colo. Smallwood:
John Russel, pains in the limbs & fever.

Of Capt. Ashby's co., Coll. Weeden:
William Stamp, convalescent.

Of Capt. M'Cobbin's co., Coll. Hall:
Thos. Fox, deaf, and powerless in the limbs.

Of Capt. Woolford's co., Smallwood:
Edward Williams, slowly mending.

Of Capt. Norwood's co., Col. Hall:
195. Hanbury Jones, a fever and bad cold.

Of Capt. Gunby's co., Colo. Smallwood:
Isaac Lawson, convalescent.

Of Capt. Sim's co., Col. Smallwood:
James Perry, convalescent.

Of Capt. Thomas's co., Do.:
Joseph Robinson, convalescent, but weak.

Of Capt. Howard's co., Coll. Hall:
Sam'l Adams, a slow fever.
Jacob Hooper, fever & great cold.

Of Capt. Bowye's co., Col. Sm——d:
Jno. Price, slow fever & deafness.

Of Capt. Thomas's co., S———d:
Jno. Grover, convalescent.

Of Capt. Sims's co., Do.:
Amos Green, walking about, but weak.
John Walker, do. do.
Jon'a Booth, do. do.
206. Elisha Everitt, convalescent.

Of Capt. Keepot's co., Col. Hoosaker:
Jacob Havely, swell'd belly.

Of Capt. Morrow's co., Colo. Clots:
Sam'l Bell, convalescent.

Of Capt. Johnson's co., Colo. Weeden:
John Despot, pains and flux.

Of Capt. Harris's co., Colo. Hand:
Barney Ruddy, convalescent.
Edw'd M'Keen, do.
Henry Sneevely, do.

Sprout's Store, W. & front S.

Of Capt. Murray's co., Col. Clot's:
Sam'l Clemence, convalescent.
Dennis Laferty, hurt on the side, and ague.
Thomas Black, convalescent.
216. John Gillespy, Jaundice.
William Williams, a great cold.

Of Capt. Armstrong's co., Col. M'tgomery:
George Page, bad rheumatism.

Of Capt. Henderson's co., Colo. Moor:
Wm. M'Mullin, sick stomach.
John Stuart, pain in the limbs.

Of Capt. Evan's co., Colo. M'tgomery:
Joseph Butler, a bad jaundice.

Of Capt. Paxton's co., Colo. M'Alister:
John M'Kinstry, pains & fever.

Of Capt. Armstrong's co., Colo. M'tgomery:
William Regan, foul stomach and slow fever.

Of Capt. Miller's co., Col. M'tgomery:
Jas. M'Kibbin, fit for duty.
John Cummings, fever, bilious.
227. William Gray, rheumatism.
James Sterritt, rheumatism.
William Reeve, a great cold.

At William Peden's.

Robert Fullerton, very low.
Jno. Fullerton, much swell'd.

At Brigade Rendezvous.

Of Capt. Moor's co., Colo. Wood.:
Thomas Loney, a hard flux.

At Mr. Hart's.

Of Capt. Bell's co., Colo. Rawlins:
James Barnes, cold and fever.

Of Capt. Brady's co., Do.:
Jona. Coats, bad rheumatism.

Of Capt. Griffin's co., Do.:
Sam'l Thornton, cold, pains and loss of motion in the limbs.

Of Capt. Bell's, Colo. Rawlins:
John Clarke, convalescent.
James Young, a high fever.

Of Capt. Griffith's co., Do.:
239. William Richards, fit for duty.

Of Capt. Davis's co., Do.:
William Galford, convalescent.
Galbraith Wilson, great cold.

Of Capt. Brady's co., Do.:
John Barnes, rheumatism.

Of Capt. Ball's co., Colo. Scot:
Wm. Philips, burn with powder.
Wm. Hunt, recovering slowly.
Thomas Reiley, feverish rheumatism.
Peter Norris, a low fever.

Of Capt. Fontleroy's, Do.:
John Finley, recovering slowly.
Abraham Steel, an ague.

Of Capt. Russel's co., Do.:
James Anderson, a swell'd leg.
George Noland, jaundiced.
Alex'dr Clemons, fever & ague.
Thomas Meharr, very low.

Of Capt. Pleasant's co., Do.:
Robert Bulington, fever and ague.
John Clarke, pains in the limbs & cold.
Wm. Childers, jaundiced, w't swellings.

Capt. Cassady's co., Do.:
George Conway, convalescent.
George Pittman, do.
Isaac Pittman, do.
John Kirmer, a sore back.
Jesse Dammeret, bad cold.

At Barret's house.

Of Capt. Goldsbury co., Col. Richardson:
William Knight, jaundice, w't pain in the limbs.

Of Capt. Posey's co., Col Euen:
John Usher, convalescent.
John Burnet, fever and cold.

Of Capt. Low's co., Do.:
James Kidwells, cold and fever.

Of Capt. Bowye's co., Do.:
John Baptist Langley, a bad fever.

Of Capt. Darnes's company, Col. Richardson:
Sarah Byram, slow fever.

At Francis Rogers's.

Of Capt. Richardson's co., Col. ———:
John Cohe, convalescent.
Wm. Parkinson, dying.

Of Capt. Bowye's co., Col. Euen:
John Fisher, a slow fever.

At Judge Shields's.

Of Capt. Young's co., Do.:
Benjamin Yarnel, convalescent.

In Ward 7.

Of Capt. Ball's co., Col. Scot:
John Herrington, fever and jaundice.

Of Capt. Hind's co., Col. Moor:
Henry Veetchy, sore leg.

Of Capt. Evan's co., Col. M'tgomery:
John Shelly, bilious fever.

Of Capt. Long's co., Col. Rawlins:
Elijah Arnold, convalescent.

Of Capt. Forrest's co., Col. Euen:
John Hamilton, sore eye.

Of Capt. Smith's co., Col. Smallwood:
Marmaduke McKean, jaundice & fever.

Of Capt. Holmes's co., Col. Moor:
Peter McCherry, a bad cold & very weak.

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Of Capt. Brown's co., Col. Miles:
Isaac Vanersdal, convalescent.

Of Capt. Turner's co., Col. Miles:
Sam'l DeHart, bilious fever.
Tim'o Flanagan, convalescent.

Of Capt. Marshall's co., Do.:
Moses Miller, convalescent.

Of Capt. Long's co., Do.:
Patrick Fotrell, sore legs.

Of Capt. Paxton's co., Coll. McAlister.
Tim'o Swan, slowly mending.
James Glisson, do.

Of Capt. Albricht's co., Do.:
George Conrad, slowly mending.

Of Capt. Long's co., Do.:
Jno. Stop, slowly mending.
Jacob Stretch, do.
Rex Dean, do.
Jno. McKenny, do.
Andrew Lynch, bilious fever.

Of Capt. Wallace's co., Col. Weeden:
Joseph McWilliams, bad itch.

Of Capt. Weitzel's co., Col. Miles:
James Clayton, a bad sore leg.
Peter Davis, rheumatism, mending.

Of Capt. Sneider's co., Col. Watt:
William Lumley, convalescent.

Of Capt. Brown's co., Col. Miles:
Harry Armstrong.

Of Capt. Long's co., Do.:
William Perry, a slow fever.
Thomas Fulham, convalescent.

Of Capt. Paxton's co., Coll. McAlister:
Hugh Mulloy, convalescent.

Of Capt. Chambers's co., Col. Hazen:
Asa Davis, (tender.)
David Kelly, slowly mending.
Patrick Higgens, convalescent.
Julius Burns, fit for duty in a few days.
Samuel Acley, a heavy cold.
James Spence, convalescent.
Abiather Beebee, a heavy cold.

Of Capt. West's co., Col. Weeden:
Michael Gaghagan, tender, a rupture.
Thomas Fenelon, fever and itch.
Daniel Holderfield, cold and fever.
Jeremy Frier, (tender.)
Evan Thomas, lax and fever.
George Shaw, mending slowly.
Jno. Paget, lax and cold.
Wm. Davis, rheumatic & swelled testicles.
Jno. Pulliens, a bad fever and cold.
Luke Holland, nearly well.
Wm. Pennil, consumptive.
James Murray, fit for duty.
Sam'l Lintrage, a slight fever.
John Shaw, a low fever.
Tho's Milburn, wounded.
John Sidebottom, convalescent.
James Stoker, cold and sore throat.
Nicolas Wykoff, convalescent.
Thomas Griffen, a bad fever and cold.

Philip Conner, Pleurisy.
Samson Saunders, a heavy cold. In town.
William Bailey, very low. do.
Wm. Marcy, (tender.) do.
Thomas Wingate, very low. (Colo. Hall.)

Of Capt. Wm. Chambers's co., Colo. Hazin:
Dan'l Broderick, a heavy cold.
James Kendel, convalescent.

Of Capt. Veesey's co., Collo. Smallwood:
Jno. Groves, a heavy cold.

Of Capt. M'Gruder's co., Col. Euen:
Thomas Bean, cold and fever, weak.

In Arbuckle's Row.

Of Capt. Newel's co., Colo. Hutchinson:
David Newman, camp itch.
Sam'l Wyat, do.
Edw'd Thomson, do.
Joshua Danforth, do.
Sam'l Berry, do.
Tho's Berry, do.
Joshua Wyat, do.
Nath'l Evans, do.
James Ramsdel, do.
Asa Smith, do.
Philip Odby, do.
Wm. Pratt, do.
Jno. Bishop, do.
Henry Hollowel, a bilious fever.
Ralph Lindsey, do.
Stephen Coats, heavy cold.
Ebenezer Cutter, (tender.)
Charles Flarence, (Co. waiter.)
Daniel Downing, a bilious fever.

Of Capt. Low's company:
George Stevens, camp itch.
And'w Ober, do.
And'w Wood, do.
Hale Hilton, do.
Rob't Woodbury, fit for duty.
Wm. Waddel, slow fever.
Benj. Woodbury, do.
Edw'd Stevens, do.

Wm. Elmwood, camp itch.
James Patch, do.
Rich'd Patch, do.
Jas. Hurley, do.
And'w Thorndick, do.
Asael Moor, do.
Thos. Kinsman, do.
Jno. Callus, do.

Of Capt. Putnam's co., Do.:
Benj'n Gardner, camp itch.
Jno. Duncan, do.
Peter Welch, do.
David Elwell, do.
Israel May, do.
Asa Goodwill, do.
Jno. White, do.
Wm. Murphey, do.
Jno. Woodbury, do.
Jno. Fuller, do.
James Christee, do.

Of Capt. Baker's co., Do.:
Joseph Witcher, camp itch.
Sewel Tuck, do.
James Herrick, do.
Wm. Porter, do.
Wm. Thomson, do.
Jacob Thomson, do.
Isaac Chapman, do.
David Cross, do.
John Wadden, do.
John Tapley, do.

Of Capt. Porter's co., Do.:
Jno. Smith, camp itch.
Nath'l Flint, do.
Stephen Masury, a slow fever.
Nath'l Dodge, (tender.)
Ephraim Twist, slow fever.
Vincent Lurvey, camp itch.
Benj. Shaw, do.
Benj. Bennet, do.
Jon'a Bowers, do.
John Walpey, do.
Daniel Poland, do.

Of Capt. Kimbal's co., Do.:
James Lee, camp itch.
Benj. Mansfield, do.
Henry Cutner, do.
Jno. Danforth, do.
Tim'o Dudley, do.
Charles Stanwood, a slow fever.
John McHart, do.
John Cahoo, small pox.
Wm. Perry, rheumatism.
Wm. Hinds, camp itch.

Of Capt. Brown's co., Do.:
Jno. Colman, camp itch.
Jno. Farley, do.
Jno. Copp, do.
Joshua Bickford, do.
Sam'l Bickford, do.
Christ'n Gunderson, camp itch.
Joseph Smith, do.
John Vincent, do.
Dan'l Lisbon, rheumatic.
Noah Forman, camp itch.
Wm. Clow, a slow fever.
George Berry, camp itch.
John Masury, do.
Sam'l Hodgson, do.
Wm. Reeves, do.
Wm. Bagnal, do.

Of Capt. Dickinson's co., Col. Reed:
David Ralston, severe cold.
Lewis Hansford, do.
Henry Tronby, do.
Wm. Husk, do.
Curtis Baker, do.
Hind Holloway, do.
Rob't Watkins, fit for duty.
Jon'a Hase, rheumatic.
Rich'd Hazlewood, do.

Of Capt. Nelson's co., Do.:
George Gordon, heavy cold.
Reuben Monday, heavy cold and fever.
Benj'n Row, do.
James Figg, rheumatic. (complains of no attendance.)

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RELATING TO THE

# WAR OF THE REVOLUTION,

## 1775--1777.

## CALL FOR LINT AND BANDAGES.

Philadelphia, July 17th, 1775.

The Committee of Safety do hereby recommend it to the good women of this City & Province that they voluntarily supply the Surgeons or Doctors who have usually attended their respective Families with as much scraped Lint and old Linen for Bandages as they can conveniently furnish, that the same may be ready for the service of those that shall happen to be wounded in the Defence of their Country.

WM. GOVETT, Cl'k C. S.

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## JOEL FERREE TO BENJ. POULTNEY.

Leacock Township, August 7th, 1775.

Friend Poultney:—I take this opportunity of informing you that some time ago as I had a Letter from George Ross, Esqr., by order of the Committee, making enquiry what Qt. or Number of Barrels I could supply 'em weekly with, to which I return'd answer in the Particulars demanded. I was of opinion then to have been able to provide 15 or perhaps 20 pr. week, but as I am determined to use my endeavors to promote the Business and serve my Country in the common Cause, I am about to enlarge my works in so extensive a Manner as to turn out between 30 & 40 weekly. My Diligence in the Affair shall be as quick as possible. It will not require much time to complete my works in order for such Dispatch of Business; I hope a few days will do.

The Patterns were sent to Stewart's store the same day you was there. I intend you shou'd let the Committee know what I am about doing to supply 'em as punctual as in my Power. You may let them see this, by which they judge whether or not it will tend greatly to further the Dispatch of the finishing off the Arms so much needed.

This from your Friend,

JOEL FERREE.

## COMMITTEE OF SAFETY TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF ARMS.

Philada., 8th Aug't, 1775.

Gent:—In answer to your Letter of 29th July, The Committee of Safety think proper to direct you to proceed in providing 300 stand of arms and accoutrements, as voted by the Assembly. We shall soon furnish you with the patterns, and you will take particular care to have the arms, &c., made equal to the Patterns. Your accounts will be setled by this Committee, and the money paid by the Treasurer on their order.

If any opposition should be made to your executing this Trust, we desire you will immediately inform us, and, at the same time, transmit the names of the persons who may in any manner give such opposition, that proper measures may be taken with such Enemies to the safety of their Country.

Sg'd by order of Committee,

B. FRANKLIN, Pres't.

To Theophilus Foulke, Com'r,
James Chapman, }
Jno. Vandegrift, } Ass'ts.
Jacob Bidleman, }

## MR. EDMONDS TO MR. HILLEGAS.

Naz'th, Aug't 9th, 1775.

Dear Sir:—The assembly having appointed a number of arms to be made & Deposited in every County, a Pattern of which size & bore, with Iron ram Rods, & Bayonets & Cartridge Boxes, as also knapsacks, were to be made at Phi'a & sent to the Different Counties. Who is to act that part I know not; but some time agoe I wrote to Mr. Hillegas, but have yet rec'd no answer, and I being appointed a Committee man, I take this opportunity to request you will speak to him, and use your Endeavor to forward said Pattern up to me, if it can't be immediately sent to Jacob Opp's, at Easton, who is one of our County Commiss'rs. You & he will Excuse me

giving you this trouble, as we don't know what emergency may be to have them ready;

& I am, with Love & Respect, Sirs,

Yours,

WM. EDMONDS.

To Messrs. Hillegas & Schlosser.

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## MICHAEL SWOPE TO COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

York, August the 12th, 1775.

Gentlemen:—Since my Last, we fint that the Clerk of the Committee, in the copy of their proceedings, has made a mistake in the Colonels of the Fifth Battalion of the York County militia. In the Proceedings heartofore sent, William Rankin is mentioned Colonel and Mathew Dill, Esqr., Lieutenant Colonel; this is a mistake, for Mathew Dill, Esqr., was elected as the Person proper for Colonal, and William Rankin, Esqr., Lieutenant Colonal of the said Fifth Battalion. This appears from the minutes of the Judges and the notes of the Then Clerk, and the Persons Chosan well know the Chois to be as now hear mentioned. You will therefore be pleased in granding the Commissions to appoint Mathew Dill, Esqr., Colonall and William Rankin, Esqr., Lieutenant Colonall of the said Fifth Battalion in York County Militia. I also fint another mistak of the Clerks in the fourth Battalion as to the Majar, wereas, I fint his Name to be Jacob Gibson, and he returinet his Name to me John Gibson, so that the Commission ought to be granted to Jacob Gibson as first Majar of Fourth Battalion of York County Militia. I presume the Commissions for the Filt officers for York County Militia will soon be sent and the names of the other officers and under Filt officers will be Trancemitted to your as soon as possiable.

The Greatest part of the minute Men directed to be Raised in this County by the Committee, have all raty inrolled them selves and signet Attestations, a Copy of one of such I heareby in Clossed sent you; the rest of the minute Men I apprehent will be raised next week. The Perssons aprovit of hear as Filt officers of minute Men for this County have exerted them selves much in raising the Men.

I expect to be able in a few days to inform you that we have

a Body of upwards of 400 Men, Composed of some of the most respectable Inhabitants of the County, raty to march where their Country May Call them on the shortest notice.

It has been reported hear that Difficulties have a risan in your City & County, & some others, in raising the Minute Men under the Regulation of the Assembly, and some have that Minute Men will not answer the purpose expected. As to my selve, I am of opinion that in the Country, out of Large Towns, Minute Men are absolute necessary; for the Peoble are so much scattered in the Country, and in case of a Demand of Troops, unless their be some ostensible Person to Call upon theme, their would be Great Delay in raising and Marching any of the Militia at any Distance. Nay, it would then be deemed a mere mercenary affair, and the best of men would not ingage in the service; but in the minute Men, Persons of the first Rank and Fortune will inroll themselves.

It is very Certain that unless this minute Men have some allowance for their extraordinary loss of Time, they will not be sufficiently disciplined to act in the open Filt against Regular Troops. Butt if they were put into pay for one or two months' Time, they would Certainly acquire Discipline, and upon their return to their respective Body of Militia, they thene would be able to instruckt their Companies in the standing Militia, so that in a very shord Time all our Militia might be so well disciplined Trowout our province, so that our Militia might be able on a Call to Grant us that most affectual Assistance in Time of Danger. This County lays well situated to afford Assistance Either to your Metropolis or the lower County, Maryland, or Verginey. If you should be of the opinian with me, I mack no Doubt but you will take the necessary steps and I shall Cheerfully acquiesce in anything which may be Tought necessary to secure this and the neighbouring Collanes against the a Tempts of our Enemies. Our Commissioners have set all our Gun Smiths to work in this County, but I am afrait it will be a Considerable Time before the publick Arms are finished.

I am Gentlemen,
with the Greatest respect,
Your Humble Servant,
MICH'L SWOPE.

## COMMITTEE OF SAFETY RELATIVE TO DETAINING CLOTHING OF THE BRITISH TROOPS.

In Committee of Safety for the
Province of Pennsylvania, 17th August, 1775.

Sirs:—Fourteen Bales or Packages, said to contain cloathing, &ca., for the use of the 22nd & 40th Regiments of the ministerial Troops, now bearing arms, under General Gage, against the Lives, Libertys and property of his Majesty's Loyal American Subjects, of the twelve United American Colonys, having lately arrived in this province, are being detained in safe custody by orders of this Committee.

Major Christopher French of the 22nd Reg't, now a prisoner on parole, requesting liberty to forward said packages to the Regiments at Boston, was refused by this Committee, who think it their indispensable duty to keep possession of the said Cloathing or necessaries until the next meeting of the Honorable Continental Congress on the 5th of September, when it will be submitted to their wisdom, wether the same shall be sent forward to Boston, returned to Ireland, from whence they came, or be otherwise disposed off. (Copy from the Minutes.)

WM. GOVETT, Cl'k C. S.

## COMMITTEE OF SAFETY'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO MANUFACTURE PIKES.

Philad'a, 26th Aug't, 1775.

It has been regretted by some great Soldiers, particularly by Marshal Saxe, that the use of Pikes was ever laid aside, and many experienced Officers of the present Time agree with him in opinion that it would be advantageous, in our modern wars, to resume that weapon; its length reaching beyond the Bayonet, and the compound Force of the Files (every Man laying hold of the presented Pikes) rendering a charge made with them insupportable by any Battalion armed only in the common Manner. At this time, therefore, when the spirit of our People supplies more Men than we can furnish with Fire

Arms, a Deficiency which all the Industry of our ingenious Gunsmiths cannot suddenly supply; and our Enemies having, at the same time they were about to send regular Armies against undisciplined & half-arm'd Farmers and Tradesmen, with the most dastardly Malice, endeavor'd to prevail on the other Powers of Europe not to sell us any Arms or Ammunition, the use of Pikes in one or two Rear Ranks is recommended to the Attention & Consideration of our Battalions. Every Smith can make these, and, therefore, the Country may soon be supply'd with Plenty of them. Marshal Saxe's Direction is, that the staff be 14 feet in Length and the spear 18 Inches, thin & light; the staff to be made of Pine, hollowed for the sake of lightness, & yet to retain a degree of stiffness, the whole to weigh not more than 7 or 8 pounds. When an Army is to encamp they may, he observed, be used as Tent poles, and save the Trouble of carrying them. The Committee of Safety will supply samples to those Battalions who are dispos'd to use them. Each Pikeman to have a cutting sword, and where it can be procur'd, a Pistol.

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## CAPT. JAMES IRVINE TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia, September 11th, 1775.

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety
for the Province of Pennsylvania:

The Memorial and Representation of Captain James Irvine of the first Battalion of the Associators of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, in behalf of himself and the Company under his Command, Most respectfully Sheweth:

That, at the Time when the Associators of the City & Liberties aforesaid were forming into Battalions, there were not Companies Sufficient to complete the three Battalions proposed. The arrangement of the Companies began at Southwark, in Consequence of an agreement amongst the officers, therefore the first Battalion was deficient by several Companies of its true Complement.

That your Memorialist has the Honor to command one of the oldest, if not the very oldest, Company in the three Battalions, for which Reason, added to his having formerly enjoyed the same station in the actual Defence of this Province, induced

him to think his Claim to Rank amounted to a Right of Precedency.

That these Circumstances being well known to the officers of the Corps to which he belongs, they allowed the propriety of the Claim, in a manner equally Honorable to themselves and your Memorialist, and the Company took Post in Battalion accordingly.

That at a subsequent Meeting of the Officers, (one or two Companies being added to the Battalion,) the Companies were formed into Grand Divisions, and the Officers, in Conformity with the arrangement, drew for their Grand Division Colours.

That the several Companies, when joined in Battalion, have constantly taken post, agreeable to the above-mentioned arrangement, as well at the two general Reviews as on Common Field Days.

That your Memorialist conceives that this Honorable Board was either not fully informed of these Circumstances, or that the Officers of the first Battalion were not meant to be included in the 16th article of the Rules published, requiring all Captains to draw for their Rank.

That your Memorialist cannot but apprehend himself reduced to a very hard necessity, if the 16th article is intended to operate in the arrangement of the first Battalion, of submitting to the chance of being a Junior Officer, under the Command of Gentlemen whose Companies either had no Existence or did not join the Battalion for Several Months after its Formation.

Your Memorialist would be sorry to trespass on the Time and divert the attention of your honorable Board, and will therefore only add that Captain Hassanclever's Company and his own had been accustomed to exercise together, and from their near Neighborhood are most particular Friends. Through a mistake in forming the Battalions they would have been seperated, this gave disgust, which happily subsided by their constituting one Grand Division, but should the 16th Rule be adopted the Affair may be again set afloat to the manifest Injury of the Battalion.

In Justice to himself and the Gentlemen who have chosen him to command them, your Memorialist thought it incumbent on him to lay the State of the arrangement in the first Battalion before your Honorable Board, resting fully assured that the prudence and publick spirit that have marked your Deliberations for the common welfare will be still farther extended for promoting the general Prosperity of the Service.

JAMES IRVINE.

## RICHARD RILEY TO GEORGE GRAY.

Marcushook, Sept. 13th, 1775.

Sir:—I expect the Province boats will shortly be finished & their Station appointed. If it is to be above the Shiver de frees's, I apprehend they will be a partial defence, which ought not to be, as every person with the Limits of the Province is Intitled to a Provincial protection, the small as well as the great, which will not be the case with those below the station. With submission, every Frontier ought to be defended as long as possible, & not an Inch of ground given up that can be defended. If the Frontier is defended, of Course the City is also; but the City may be defended & the Frontier suffer. I am of opinion that the whole Fleet ought to be stationed at the Boundary of the Province, and then, if they are any Protection, every Person above them will Receive a Benefit. As to a Harbour, their is a large Island opposite, where they may be very safe, & I believe that provisions may be had cheaper. If they are stationed at the Fort, Chester & Marcushook may be Reduced to ashes before any Relief can be obtained, which would be a Considerable Loss, as all the Records & other publick papers of the County is their. I think it is matter worthy of Consideration, & should be obliged to you to mention it to the board. And as to the persons mentioned for officers here, I believe Moulder & Ford would Answer the end, the first for Capt., the other for Lieuf't; but if the bord should think otherways, I shall be passive, as I have no friend to serve. I shall give you as true an Acc'tt of them as I am able, which is that they are sober men—men of Courage & activity, both bred to the water, & have both Commanded Shalloops. Ford is a very good seaman, & he tells me he has been in two sea actions. Moulder has not been to sea, I believe, but is very well acquainted with the management of a Vessel, a man of Conduct, & have both applyd for Births. I have nothing further to say Respecting them, and if persons may be had better Qualify'd for that service I will Readily agree, as it is the Public good that ought to be only attended to, and, as I observ'd before, I have not, nor desire to have, any friend to serve at the Publick expence.

I remain

Yours to serve,

RICH'D RILEY.

To George Gray, Esq.

## MR. WYNKOOP TO COL. ROBERDEAU.

Bucks County, Sep'r ye 25th, 1775.

Sir:—The Commissioners & Assessors of this County have requested me to acquaint the Committee of Safety that a general Complaint prevails among the people engaged to make the provincial arms, of the want of Money, they having for the most part no more stock than what is necessary to carry on their Business, and that if the Committee would suffer a few hundred pounds to be lodged either in me or some other person in the County, to whom application might be made as their exigencies might require, this evil would be effectually remidied.

Fully confident that your Patriotism renders any apology for giving you this trouble unnecessary, I ask you to mention this matter for me to the Committee and to send me an answer by the Barer hereof, my Cozin Gerardus Wynkoop, who will call upon you for that purpose, as I am to give an answer to the Commissioners & Assessors at the election. Should the Committee think it propper to grant their request, I shall be in town sometime in October and take up the money with what directions it may be necessary to give relative thereto. I have received the Returns of the Associators & non-Associators, except three townships and one Company lately raised, & the Number stands, Associ.: 1688; Non-Associ.: 1613. I have received some of the Association Rules, but am affraid the signing them will go heavily, chiefly arising from the Quakers & others, who chuse it staying at home and doing nothing. I should be glad this could be remidied, tho' I must confes the mode how is too delicate for my Comprehension.

I am, with my best Respects to Mrs. Roberdeau,

Your most obliged Friend
& Humble Servant,
HENRY WYNKOOP.

To Colonel Daniel Roberdeau.

## CONTINENTAL POWDER ACCOUNT.

The Continental Congress in Account with the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania:

DR.

| 1775. | | lbs. |
|---|---|---|
| Aug't 2. | To Sundry Casks of Powder delivered to Patrick Henry, Esqr., w't, ..... | 2,044 |
| 11. | To sundry Casks of Powder sent to General Schuyler in one waggon, ..... | 2,136 |
| Sept. 4. | To sundry Casks of Powder sent to General Washington in two waggons, ..... | 4,012 |
| | To damag'd powder that was rec'd of Capt. Markoe, ..... | 25 |
| | | 8,217 |
| | | 803½ |
| | | 9,020½ |

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| 1775. | | lbs. |
|---|---|---|
| July 31. | By sundry Casks powder receiv'd from Capt. Markoe, w't, ..... | 3,995½ |
| Aug't 19. | By sundry Casks powder receiv'd from Major Sam'l Mifflin, ..... | 3,225 |
| | | 7,220½ |
| 26. | By sund'y Casks of Gun powder imported in the Lady Catherine, Capt. Ord, from Bermuda, w't, ..... | 1,800 |
| | | 9,020½ |

N. B. There is upwards of 7 cwt. of the Powder imported from Bermuda that is not fit for use.

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| Powder belonging to the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania now in store, ..... | 5,358 |
| Ditto, ..... | 300 |
| Ditto made into Cartridges, ..... | 1,527 |
| | 7,185 |

To furnish the Congress with this account to-morrow.

## SAMUEL SLADE TO THE COMMITTEE.

Sept. 28th, 1775.

Gentlemen:—I now discharge my duty in regard to my honour, which I pledg'd of not departing this City without acquainting you Gentlemen of this Hon. Committee. I am very sorry of being the means of Creating such a Jealousy among so respectable body, who his ready to lay down their Fortune & Life for the support of their Rights & Libertys; and believe me, I am accus'd rongfully of being a spye, for I hate and detest the vary name. Nighther am I indued with ability's for such a post, but should have been glad to settled in this Contry, but to avoid given further Offence, if any has been, which if so was not designedly or done with any othere intent than to have got into some way of getting a lively hood, but as it is now so faleing out that the small inginuety I have as reather done me a prejudice in your Favor, my Intention is to depart to New York the first opportunity and to return to them who is Dear to me, and will, I am shure, receive me with open arms. I am now wateing to know your Pleasure or to answer such questions that you may be pleased to ask; who is, with submission, A well wisher to Liberty & Property, and am,

Gentlemen,
Y'r most Ob't, H'ble Serv.
SAM'L SLADE.

## TESTIMONY CONCERNING A RIOT IN CHESTER COUNTY.

Roger Moore, James Grimes and Nathan Williams, Recruits in Capt'n Willett's Company, now Quartered in the Barracks of the City of Philadelphia, being respectively duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, respectfully sayeth, That on the thirtieth day of November last, they, with a Number of Recruits, was coming to Philad'a. Stopp'd on Lancaster Road at an Inn, Kept by one Messer, in order to refresh themselves. That a young Lad, who they met on the Road, had march'd and stopp'd with them at the Inn, who they asked to

Enlist; he immediately seemed willing, but the said Messer & a certain Doctor Murray, John Brysbin, and a number of other Men stepp'd up & desired them to leave the Lad, that he was an apprentice, and they had no business with him; That the Lad denied that he was any Man's apprentice; That Francis Curray, the Drummer, desired them to prove him an Apprentice; if they did, he would have nothing to say to the Lad. Upon which, said Murray called them a parcel of Vagabonds and Rebels, and none but Blackgards would enlist, and then struck the Drummer in the Face and immediately a battle ensued between them; That they nor the other Recruits, being not provided with any Weapons which their opponents were, they were obliged to take to the Woods & Fields and make their escape the best way they could; That the said Messer, Murray, Brisbin & the rest of their Company not being satisfied with this, they went and alarm'd the County, (as they imagined,) for they were afterwards pursued by about 50 or 60 Men, armed with Swords, Pistols & Clubs, after they had got between 2 & 3 Miles from the Inn, who surrounded them & began beating them again, and they were obliged to give themselves up Prisoners and submit to what they might think proper to inflict. One of them, in particular, Mathias Myer, was taken by two of the Men and lead along the road, but he not walking as fast as they wanted him, upon which Doctor Murray came behind him and run his sword through his Thigh and forced him to walk along the Road, by which the Blood gushed out of the Wound as thick as a Straw, and he was still forced to walk on till he draped down. He was then put on one of their Horses & Carried to the Inn; & That, after taking the Cockades out of a number of their Hats and carrying them away, they let them go. And further these deponents say not.

his
ROGER × MOORE,
mark.
JAMES GRAHAM,
his
NATHAN × WILLIAMS.
mark.

Sworn at Philad'a the 11th day of November, 1775, Before me, one of the Justices of the Court of Common pleas for the County of Philad'a, as witness my hand & Seal.

PETER MILLER. (L. S.)

## NUMBER OF IRON GUNS IN PHILADELPHIA—1775.

A Return of the Sub-Committee Appointed to make Enquirey what Number of Iron Gunns are in and about the Citty of Philadelphia, November, 1775:

| Pounders. | Number of Gunns. | Quality. | SUNDRY ARTICLES. | Where they are. | To whom Belonging. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 7 | New | Mounted on Travelling Carriages, want some Repairs. Rammers, Sponges, Wad-hook & Ladles for them, . . . . | In Store the West side of the State House . . . . . | Belonging to the Province. |
| 18 | 4 | ditto | . . . . . | In East Store of ditto. . . . . | |
| 18 | 18 | ditto | With a Quantity of Rammers, Sponges, Wad-hooks & Ladles which want some Repair, . . . | . . . . . | |
| 18 | 12 | Old | | | |
| 12 | 5 | ditto | And 45 Carriages for them which want some Repairs, also Ironwork Screws & Nuts for 4 Traveling Carriages for 18 Pd'rs . . . . . | In State House Yard. | |
| 9 | 6 | ditto | | | |
| 6 | 1 | ditto | | | |
| 3 | 2 | New | Rammers, Sponges, Wad Hooks & Ladles . . . . | In State House Yard . . . . . | Sam'l Mifflin, Esqr. |
| 4 | 8 | ditto | New for these Gunns . . | | |
| | | | 4 Traveling Carriages with Limbers & 2 Ship do. for 4 Pd'rs . . . . . | . . ditto . . . . . | Province. |
| | | | 2 New Ditto, with Limbers for Ditto. . . . . | . . ditto . . . . . | Dr. Potts & Thos. Mifflin, Major. |
| | | | 2 Double Ship Carriages for 4 Pd'rs . . . . . | . . ditto . . . . . | Benj'n Loxley. |
| 6 | 1 | ditto | . . . . . | 8th St Corner of Walnut Street. | |
| 3 | 4 | Good | . . . . . | In Center Street, in Samuel Mifflin's Lott . . . | Samuel Mifflin. |
| 4 | 2 | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | | | | |
| 4 | 2 | . . . . | Trunions of Work'd Iron . | In the Presbyterian Meeting House Yard . . | Thos. Penrose. |
| 3 | 3 | Good | . . . . . | | |
| 6 | 16 | ditto | . . . . . | . . Ditto . . . . . | Hodge & Bayard. |
| 4 | 4 | | | | |
| 9 | 6 | . . . . . | . . . . . | By Dock near the Bridge in Second Street. | John M. Nesbitt. |
| 4 | 4 | . . . . . | . . . . . | Wishart's Wharf | Sam'l Howell. |
| 3 | 1 | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | | | | |
| 2 | 4 | . . . . . | . . . . . | Carpenters Wharf under ground on end of Fishburn's Wharfe. | Howell & Chevalier. |
| 9 | 2 | . . . . . | . . . . . | | |
| 9 | 1 | . . . . . | . . . . . | On Jona'n Evans's Wharfe | . . . . . |
| 6 | 1 | . . . . . | . . . . . | | |
| 4 | 2 | . . . . . | 1 Lost a Trunion . . . . . | | |
| 4 | 2 | . . . . . | . . . . . | On Isaac Cox's Warfe . . . . . | . . . . . |
| 6 | 2 | Good | . . . . . | Hamilton's Wharfe . . | John Wilcooks. |
| 4 | 2 | | | | |
| 6 | 4 | . . . . . | . . . . . | Front of Hamilton's Stores . . | Lunans' Estate. |
| 3 | 8 | . . . . . | . . . . . | Henry Neil's Wharfe . . . | Henry Neill. |
| 3 | 2 | . . . . . | . . . . . | Stocker & Wharton's Wharfe . | Stocker & Wharton. |
| 1 | 2 | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | Good . | And Carriages for them . | In their S. & W. Yard. | Montgomery's Est'e. |
| 4 | 4 | | | | |

## RETURN OF CANNON & STORES—Continued.

| Pounders. | Number of Gunns. | Quality. | SUNDRY ARTICLES. | Where they are. | To whom Belonging. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9<br>6<br>4<br>3 | 2<br>2<br>2<br>2 | Good<br>ditto<br>ditto<br>ditto | Two 6 lb Howitzers. 1 Swivell. a Quantity of Round & Double Headed Shott for 6 & 9 Pd'rs. | . . ditto . . . . | Plumstead's Estate & Jno. Wilcocks. |
| | | | A Quantity of Round Shott for 4 & 9 Pd'rs . . . | In their Store . . | |
| 6 &9 | 48 | New . | . . . . . | under the Pavement in Penn Street. & in Willin & Morris Yard . . . | |
| | | | A Large Quantity of Shott for 4, 6. 9 & 12 Pd'rs. also 3 Blunderbusses & a Quantity of Hand Kuffs. . . . . | In their Store, No. 3 . . . . . | Willing & Morris. |
| | | | A Quantity of. Double Head Shott for 6 & 9 Pd'rs. a Quantity Wooden Bottoms & Formers for 6 & 9 Pd'rs. 1 Wad Hook & Ladle for 6 Pd'r, Several Blunderbus's. Two Bundles of Match with some Hand Grenadoes. . . . . | In their upper Loft. . . . . | |
| 4. | 1 | . . . . . | with a Carriage . . . . . | South Street, . | Edward Evans. |
| 6 | 1 | . . . . . | . . . . . | Coner Church's Wharfe . . . | Widdow Church. |
| 4<br>6 | 8<br>2 | Good<br>. do . | Capt'n Lake has some Shott for them and Handgrenad . . . . . | Fisher's Wharfe. | Capt'n Lake. |
| 6<br>4 | 4<br>2 | . . . .<br>. . . . | . . . . . | Sam'l Penros's Wharfe. . . . . | Sam'l Howell. |
| | | | N. B.—John Huddle informs us that there is under ground at the Head of the Dock at J. Shinn's Wharfe. about 50 Eight Inch Shells. | | |
| 4<br>3 | 2<br>1 | Good .<br>. . do. . | . . . . . .<br>Mou . . con a 6 Pd'r Carri | On Shirlock's Wharfe . . .<br>Knox's Wharfe. | Rich'd Buckley.<br>Capt'n Knox. |
| 4 | 2 | . . . | . . . . . | Ralph Collin's Wharfe . . . | Ralph Collins. |
| 4<br>3<br>2 | 8<br>6<br>2 | . do.<br>. do.<br>. do. | . . . . . | Isaac Cox's Lott near Matthew John's. Front Street . . . . .<br>In ditto under Ground. . . . . | Isaac Cox. |
| 2 | 4 | . do. . | . . . . . | Front of Steph'n Davis's House . | |
| 9<br>6<br>4<br>3 | 4<br>6<br>2<br>2 | Good . | . . . . . | At Charles Cox's Place, Passyunk Road. . . | Charles Cox. |
| 9<br>6<br>4 | 2<br>8<br>4 | Good . | . . . . . | By Mr. Hale's Stable in Lumbard Street. . . | Baynton & Wharton. |
| 4<br>2 | 2<br>2 | . . M . .<br>. do. . | . . . . . | In Second Street near the New Market . . . . . | Ditto. |
| 9 | 1 | . do. . | . . . . . | Union St. near Arch'd M'Call's. | |

## RETURN OF CANNON & STORES—Continued.

| Pounders. | Number of Gunns. | Quality. | SUNDRY ARTICLES. | Where they are. | To whom Belonging. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | At Reese Meredith's a Quantity of Round and Double Headed, Star, Chain & Grape Shott. Langridge Hand Grenades, Match Lint Stocks. Paper Cartriges. Cartouch Boxes & Tinn Tubes; also a Quantity of Spears about 6 feet Long . . . . . | In Reese Meredith's Stores . | Reese Meredith's. |
| 6 | 4 | Good . | . . . . . | In Simon Shirlock's Store . . | Simon Shirlock. |
| 6 | 8 | Good . | . . . . . | Valentine Stanley's yard in Market Street . | John & Peter Chevalier. |
| 9 | 6 | Good . | . . . . . | Manufact'ry yard in Market street. | Will'm Smith Broker. |
| 4<br>6 | 6<br>2 | Good . | . . . . . | Letitie Court . . | Will'm Bradford. |
| 6 | 3 | do. . | . . . . . | Allen's Wharfe . | And'w Caldwell. |
| 3<br>4 | 6 | . . . . | Besides 3 Iron Mortars, will Carry 6 lb. Shott . . | Daniel Rundle's | Dan'l Rundle. |
| 6<br>4 | 2 | . . . . | . . . . . | Joseph Donnaldson's . . . . . | Jos'h Donaldson. |
| 9 | 17 | Ordinary. | . . . . . | Will'm Ball's Place . . . . . | Will'm Ball. |
| 9<br>6<br>4 | 50 | Good . | . . . . . | Thom's Ruchee's Place . . . . . | Thos. Ruchee. |
| 4 | 3 | . . . . | . . . . . | 7th Street. Near Mr. Rittenhous' . . . . . | Thos. Clifford. |
| | | | A Number of Shott & Warlike Stores . . . . . | In John Chandler's Store . . . | Thos. Ruchee. |
| 4 | 6 | Good . | . . . . . | Lyon & Fisher's yard. in Front Street . . . . . | Char's Lyon. |
| 4<br>6 | 12 | Good . | . . . . . | Church Alley . . | Sam'l Correy & Co. |
| 6 | 2 | . . . . | . . . . . | Stephen Shewell's | Steph'n Shewell. |
| 4 | 1 | . . . . | . . . . . | Abel James's Wharfe . . . | James & Drinker. |
| 3 | 5 | . . . . | . . . . . | Ditto . . . . . | Oswald Eve. |
| 3 | 2 | . . . . | . . . . . | James & Drinker's store, Water Street . | Abel James. |
| 3<br>4 | 3 | . . . . | . . . . . | Goodman's Wharfe . . . . | Widdow May. |
| 6 | 1 | . . . . | . . . . . | Sam'l Mifflin's Wharfe . . . . | Sam'l Mifflin. |

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## THE COMMITTEE TO CAPT. MOULDER.

Philad'a, 23rd Nov., 1775.

Sir:—The Committee of Safety, understanding that a Quantity of Sail Cloth taken out of the wreck of the Rebecca & Frances, and Sails and other materials belonging to her are to

be sold on Tuesday next at Absecom Beach, they request you will attend the sales and purchase for their use the Sail Cloth and Sails, at such prices as you think they may be worth, and the Materials such as Cables and Rigging, if they can be got at low prices, taking into Consideration the Expences of bringing them here.

By order of the Committee of Safety.

Signed,

D'L ROBERDEAU, Chairman.

To Capt. Joseph Moulder.

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## AMOUNT OF SEA COAL IN PHILADELPHIA, DEC., 1775.

Philadelphia, December ye 7, 1775.

By a Request of the Commete of Safte To the Comete of Inspectision, we have Taken an accompt of All the Sea Cole From the North Sied of Market Street To the Sooth Side of Vine Street and in whose Possion thay Now Are:

William Rush, 250 Bushel, Living in Fronte Street.
Jacob Browne, 80 Bushel, in Second street.
John Wiceman, 60 Bushel, in Elme street.
George Smith, 6 Bushel, In Elme street above third street.
George Morgan, 9 Bushel, In Thirde Street.
George Hess, 150 Ditto, In Rase Street.
Edward Pennington, 200 Ditto, In Rase Street.
Jacob Eakfeld, 60 Ditto, In Fifth street.
William Tod, 30 Ditto, In Arch Street.
Daniel Dawson, 80 Ditto, In Forth street.
David Shaffer, 300 Ditto, In Second street.
Quillah Jones, 20 Ditto, In Second Street.
William Fisher, 6 Ditto, In Arch Street.
Thomas Clifford, 30 Ditto, In Water Street.
William Crage, 40 Ditto, In Second Street.
Samuel Weeler, 6 Ditto, In Second Street.
Benjamin Harbisson, 30 Ditto, In Third Street.
William Dawson, 30 Dito, In Third Street.
Stephen Paskell, 300 Ditto, In Market Street.
Corman & Barg, 1,000 Ditto, In Market Street.

Total 2,687 Bushels.

An Account Taken By us a Sub-Commete.

NATHANIEL BROWNE,
ISAAC COATS,
WM. HEYSHAM.

## THE COMMITTEE TO TOBIAS RUDOLPH.

Philad'a, 11th Dec'r, 1775.

Sir:—Public Service requires a quantity of Sea Coal, and that department being committed to us by the Committee of Safety for this Province, the nature of that business had fix'd our attention on you, as it requires zeal in the Public cause, prudence & secrecy in your negotiations. Our Confidence being entire & unreserved in all these respects makes it unnecessary to say more on the subject, as it is impossible for us to provide for unknown circumstances which may occur, than to desire you will purchase and order from Virginia, with all expedition, any quantity of Sea Coal under ten thousand Bushels, to be landed at the head of Elk, from thence transported to Christiana and this place, & for your Reimbursement your draft on us as Members of the Committee of Safety shall meet with due Honor. We mean to include your Expences & a Compensation equal to your services.

We are,

Sir, y'r very obed't H'ble S't,

(Signed,) D'L ROBERDEAU,
OWEN BIDDLE,
JAMES MEASE,

Committee for procuring Sea Coal for the Committee of Safety.

To Tobias Rudolph, Esq'r.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE BARRACKS.

In Committee of Safety,
16th Dec'r, 1775.

The officers of the Provincial arm'd Boats are hereby enjoined to observe the following Rules while stationed in the Barracks, that good order be supported and strict discipline maintained:

The Boats on their arrival at this City must be moored in some convenient Dock, and after a proper Guard is appointed to them, the Crews must be march'd in good order to the Barracks, where they will be quartered by Mr. C. Biddle in the

South wing & not more than 8 privates with non-commissioned officers in One Room, reserving to Capt. William Allen the 2 Rooms which he has fitted up while he stays.

That the roll of each Crew be called over every Morning & Evening, and that proper notice be taken of the absentees.

That the Tatoo shall be beat every evening at 8 O'Clock, and that none of the men of the Crews shall be out of the Barracks after that hour, and until the Roll is called in the morning, except with special leave.

That the master-of-arms officiate as an adjutant and make the return to the Commanding officer for the Guards each day, & parade them at the proper time for that purpose.

That the South Gate of the Barracks be the only passage for the Privates of the Boats to and from their Quarters.

That not less than one commissioned officer of each crew lodge in the Barracks during the time their men are there.

That suitable Guards be constantly kept over the Boats, the Firewood & at the South Gate.

That one-quarter of a Cord of wood be allow'd to eight men weekly, and no more.

That our Resolve of the 13th Inst. be constantly and steadily observed, for relieving the Boats stationed at Fort Island from time to time, while the navigation continues open.

That the men be paraded as often as possible at some convenient place and taught the manual Exercise & Evolutions, according to the most modern & approved practise.

As the preserving a strict discipline amongst the men is essentially necessary to keep a proper harmony and decorum amongst them, it is therefore enjoined & required that the Officers exact a steady & strict observance of these & all our former Rules and articles for the orderly government of their Crews, and as it is too common that an unnatural & unreasonable jealousy subsists between Seamen & Landsmen, that may be productive of mischievous strifes & contentions between People of the Provincial arm'd Boates & the Troops now Stationed in the Barracks, you are therefore, each of you, in your respective stations, to prevent it amongst the Officers or men as much as you possibly can; and we do further recommend to the Officers, as they are embarked in the same cause, and intended for the same service, as the officers of the marching Regiments, (viz: the protection of American Liberty,) that they display a Liberality of sentiment becoming Gentlemen, by cultivating a friendly intercourse with the said Officers.

## RESOLUTIONS OF NAVAL COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS.

Naval Committee, Dec'r 19, 1775.

Agreed, That Mr. Hopkins be desired to wait on the Committee of Safety with the resolution of this Committee, desiring their permission to apply to the Seamen on board the Galleys for such as are willing to enter on board the Continental armed Vessels now fitting for sea in this city.

Minute, Dec'r 18th, 1775.

Agreed, That application be made to the Committee of Safety for as many Seamen out of the Boats as are willing to go on this cruize.

## TORY LETTER TO COL. ROBERDEAU.

Bucks County, Dec'r 23, 1775.

Sir:—These are to inform you and your Brethren, the Committee of Safety, as you are pleased to Stile yourselves, that we the Inhabitants or at Least a part of them, Having taken into our serious Consideration the Deplorable Case of John Kearsley, Leonard Snowden, James Brooks and Mr. Carter, being Imprisoned Contrary to the Known Laws of this Province, And as such it is Attended with a train of Evil Consequences. First, there Cannot be a Grand Jury in Any County where Any of those Prisoners are Confined but what must be Perjured to a Man if they know of them, and as we have a Gaol in our County it may be that you may take upon you to send some of your supposed criminals for us to keep, so that it would soon become our turn to be perjured with those of Philadelphia, Lancaster and York Countys. And whereas, we find there is a Number of well disposed People, not only in this but in other Countys of this Province, who are determined to put a stop to so Vile a proceeding Against any of his Majesty's Subjects In this Province, Let it be by whom it may, Especially as it does Not Appear to Answer Any good End but to please a party And to bring the Estates, Familys and Healths

of those Gentlemen to Ruin who are Now Confined in the Several Goals, And who are even Denied the Society of Mankind or Air to Breath in. If this is the Liberty you Contend for, we are Determined to have none of it, for you have not so much as Published those Gentlemen's Crimes to us. And when any of you Gentlemen is Asked why their Crimes is not Published, you say they are so bad that the Mob would tear them to Pieces. We are At a loss to know what you mean by mob, for we have been well Informed there has been no mob but what was begun by Associators And winked at by the Committee, As was the Case when Doct'r Kearsly, one of your Prisoners, was Carted through the City without Receiving the least Satisfaction for so great an Insult on his Person And property from you or Any of your Party. And as we find you have set up a Law, as you Call it, Whereby you nor your Party are not Bound, but Insult People to make them Commit Crimes, as you are pleased to Call them, in Order to Punish them, as is the case of Doct'r Kearsley. We therefore Desire you to set those Gentlemen at Liberty as soon as Possible to prevent further Mischief. If you do not, you may Depend upon it we will do it for you, for if we and our friends must loose our Lives we will Loose them like men, for we have both Arms and Ammunition, and Can Use And Also Get more when we want them; this you May Depend Upon.

Signed by order of the Whole.

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## EXAMINATION CONCERNING PRISONERS OF WAR.

Mr. Dan'l Smith says, that on 15th of October, the following Gentlemen, to wit: Mr. Clifton, Mr. Henley, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Adams, Mr. Conner, Mr. Smith, Capt. Forrest, Mr. Jos. Sansbury, Mr. Jefferies, Mr. Asheton, Mr. Jeyes, Mr. Footman, Mr. Veaux, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Pike were at his house.

That he heard "God save the King" sung in the room according to the best of his knowledge & belief. It was sung by Mr. Sansbury. That he is positive "Rule Britannia' was also sung, And he is of opinion, that the company bore chorus. That he was convinced of the injury done to his house by such conduct, and on the company coming again some time after (and particularly Mr. Stansbury) he declined to entertain them on account of the practice of singing such songs.

Robert Saunderson's Examination.—He says he lived at Mr. Smith's about the 15th of October. He went there the 10th of October and left it the 10th Nov'r, or there about.

The List given by Mr. Smith being shewn to him and asked if he knew anything of it, he answered he did, that he very well remembered. That Capt. Anstruther, Major Campbell, Capt. Forrest, Capt. Crawford & Dr. Gill were in another room (No. 5,) the same evening.

The Gentlemen mentioned in the List sung "Rule the Britannia," particularly it was sung by Capt. Forrest.

Saunders says he is a prisoner, was cast away at Eggharbour & taken with Capt. Campbell to whom he was a Servant.

The officers in No. 5, sung "God save the King."

The company bore chorus with Capt. Forrest, but he cannot say particularly which he believes by the whole company.

That Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Smith & Mr. Eddy, frequently supped at Mr. Smith's.

He observed that the company made a practice of stoping their conversation when he came in, & that they gave notice to each other of his coming in.

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## LIEUT. LANG'S PLAN FOR RECRUITING THE BATTALION.

1st. That an Independent Battalion Consisting of a Company for Each Battalion of the quota, be Continually in the State, officered by Gentlemen who Understand the first principles of Military discipline & Government, Distinctly from which the Quota may be kept full.

2d. That as many serjeants be kept on Recruiting service, as will Raise such a number of Recruits, as may supply the Quota.

3d. That these serjeants be Instructed & authorized to follow such Rules and make such Reports of their Conduct, success, & state of their accompts, at such times & in such manner as may be Thought Necessary, To a Commissary.

4th. That a Commissary for Superintending the Recruiting service Be appointed, whose Business shall be to Examine how far the Instructions are Complyed with, to receive the Reports,

&c., to examine the accompts, to review the Recruits, & to Give such money & orders as he, from time to time, may be directed or see Necessary, Unto These Serjeants: & to Receive orders from & make Reports & returns accordingly, to whom he shall be Directed.

5th. That the Recruits so Inlisted shall be sent to the Head Quarters of said Battallion, Every two weeks, or sooner if ordered, to be armed & Cloathed & trained so far as time may admit, in the Company's from whom the Last greatest Number of Draughts have been sent.

6th. That said Battalion may Do the Duty of State Guards, & yet not be kept at their particular Expence.

7th. That said Serjt's shall make up a state of their acco'ts weekly, to be examined by the Commissary when Called for.

8th. That Every Serj't shall keep a Roll wherein (upon the Qualifying Every Recruit or upon the Recruit signing his Inlistment) said Serj't shall Insert the name, age, size, Description of visage, Collour of Hair & Eyes, & Figure of person, where born, Last Residence for one year & Date of Inlistment, the name, places of Birth & Last abode, Together with a Declaration of their Being free, viz: not Indented Servants, To be sworn or Qualified to by said Recruit at his being Qualified for the service, or Certify'd by two Reputable Inhabitants of the place where said Recruit is Inlisted, also a Collum for Causualitys, as Desertion, &c., This to prevent or Detect Desertion, a Return of which shall be extracted from s'd Roll and sent to Head Quarters with ye Recruits Every time they are sent to be given to the s'd Commissary.

9th. Every Serj't shall be allowed 30s. Expences for Every approven Recruit they Inlist, over & above his pay & subsistence, & shall cause Every Recruit have or Buy 3 shirts, 3 p'r stockings, 2 p'r Shoes, 1 p'r Shoe Brushes, 1 Black Ball, 1 p'r Shoe & 1 p'r Knee Buckles, 1 Stock Buckle, 2 white Stocks, 1 Black Do. 1 p'r Gaiters, & 1 p'r Trowsers, with soldier-like Leggins, answerable to the approaching Season, and a Good Knapsack to Carry these things; or, in Case these things Cannot be Got at the place of Inlistment, shall Retain so much of the Recruit's Bounty money as will Buy them, & Remit it to the Head Quarters as soon or before he sends the Recruit; also if he has got these Necessarys, the Serj't to mention it in his Extracted Return which he sends with the Recruits.

10th. That Every Serj't who shall Inlist any Indented servant or appr'ce, not knowing them to be such, shall Retain

them till he receives the money he has actually Laid out for s'd Recruit, if not beyond the bounds of his Instructions, & 20s. Expences over.

11th. That if any Recruit shall Die, the Serj't shall Immediately Insert the Day of his Death in his Roll Book, or if he Deserts, shall do the same, & shall Advertize Every way Imaginable & offer such Rewards as he has been Instructed, & send such partys in pursuit of such Deserter as his Circumstances in Recruiting will admit; all which, if he Does not faithfully perform, he shall lose the money he has formerly Given him.

12th. That Every Recruit shall, when Qualified, be Deemed Inlisted, & if any man shall Receive money from any Recruiting Serj't on pretence of Inlisting, & shall not within 24 Hours Return said money & 20s. for smart money, besides paying what Expenses the Serj't Can prove he has been put to on s'd man's acco't he shall also be Deemed Inlisted; & if any man Refuses to be Qualified who has been Inlisted 24 Hours, he shall Be sent by a justice to the next workhouse, There to be kept till sold out for a servant for such space as will Fully pay the money that has been Expended on him.

13th. That Every Recruiting Serj't shall Receive for his own subsistence, 1s. 6d. p'r Day, & shall pay the Like sum to or for every one of his party as him & them shall agree. The account of this to be kept by itself & Returned Regularly at the time the other accompts are, according to a form to be Delivered to the Serj't By the Commissary, his Deputies, or Clerks, if any be.

All which is humbly submitted

By your Honour's most H'ble Serv't,

LIEUT. JAS. LANG, P. P. B. M.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE MILITIA COLONELS.

Sir:—The Militia of this State, when called into service, have very generally either been supplied with public Blankets, arms, & accoutrements, or paid for those of their own, whereby they became public property, many of which arms, &c., when the militia have been discharged or deserted the service, have

been carried off and detained, at a time when they are extreemly wanted, to supply those who are marching to the army. You are therefore, at the earnest request of Gen. Washington, hereby directed and required to issue Strict orders immediately to the several Captains of militia in Your Battalions, requiring them to send all the public arms in the hands of their companies to such place as you shall appoint; and you are requested to send such arms & accoutrements, when collected, with the utmost dispatch to this city; and whatever necessary Expences may accrue, shall be paid by this Board.

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## A LIST OF ACCOUTREMENTS, &c., SUITABLE TO FIT OUT A LIGHT HORSE.

December, 1775.

Small Carbines.
Saddles with Buckets & Wallets.
Briddles.
Pistols with Caps, Holsters and Housings.
Cutlasses.
Leather Caps for the Soldiers.
Cloaks of Course Green Cloath.
Buckskin Breeches.
Spatterdashes with four Buttons to each.
Nose Baggs for the Horses.
A Sickle to every four men to cut grass.
Haversacks.
Forage Cords.
Leather Halters.
Canteens.

That the Governor and Commissioners would ascertain the price of each Light Horse, and the money put into the Hands of some proper person to purchase them, perhaps the officer who is to have the Command of the Horse may be best able to judge of and procure such as will be the properest for that service; no time to be lost.

## CHRISTOPHER CARTER TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philad'a Goal, Jan'y 16, '76.

Gent'n:—I am inform'd by Mr. Dewees that it is the pleasure of the Com'te that I be discharged from Gaol on condition I leave the Continent immediately. I now inform that I am willing to Comply with the requisition, & should hope I may be inlarged as soon as possible, for the Purpose of settling my accounts with my Partner before I am sent away, and also to provide myself with Necessaries for the Passage, without which permission we shall be great sufferers & I Illy provided on my passage. During my stay shall be willing to comply with any reasonable requisitions that the Committee may think best to Injoin upon me.

I am, Gent'n, y'r H'ble Serv't,

CHRIST'R CARTER.

## RESOLVE OF PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION.

Committee Chamber, Jan'y 17th, 1776.

In consequence of a Resolve of the Committee of Safety, of the 11th Inst., requesting the Committee of Inspection & Observation to procure certain Goods belonging to Messrs. Joshua Fisher & Sons, and now in this Committee's Store:

The Committee, agreeable to said Resolve, have taken every peaceable measure in their power to obtain said goods, but to no effect, and being clearly of opinion said Goods ought to be delivered up for the Service of the Public, and that no reason offered by said Fisher & Sons to the contrary is or ought to be deemed sufficient: Therefore, We, as a Committee, are willing to deliver said Goods to the order of the Committee of Safety, they setting forth in said order they are essentially necessary for the Public Service, and to be sold & paid for, or security given, agreeable to the Resolve of Congress made for Goods imported after the first of December, 1774.

JOS. REED,
Chairman.

## LIEUT. CHILTON TO THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

Philadelphia, 20th Jan'y, 1776.

Gentlemen:—My sincere thanks are due to you for the Commission of first Lieut. which I have this day received by your appointment.

It gives me infinite pleasure to find myself thus enroled among the Friends to Freedom.

I apprehend the best return I can make for this Honour conferred on, and Trust reposed in me, is to perform my Duty, which I hereby promise to do to the utmost of my abilities, and that no Earthly consideration shall make me swerve from it, ever keeping in view the Glorious cause of Liberty, that cause I now take up arms to defend.

I hope, Gentlemen, my future conduct will be truly represented, as by that alone I wish to rise or fall in your Esteem.

I have the Honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obliged,
and most ob't Serv't,
JOHN CHILTON.

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## REGULATIONS FOR FORMING THE BATTALIONS.

The following recommendations are published by the Committee of Safety, for the Regulation of the Battalions already formed, & for such as may be hereafter formed, in the Province of Pennsylvania, viz:

1st. That the Companies already formed, as well as those that may be hereafter formed, be formed into Battalions agreeable to the following regulations:

2d. That each Battalion consist of eight Companies, & one Company of Light Infantry.

3d. That each Battalion have one Colonel, one Lieut. Colonel, & two Majors, one adjutant, one Serg't Major, 1 Drum & 1 fife major—each Company one Captain, two Lieutenants, two Ensigns, four Seargeants, four Corporals, one Drummer, one Fifer, sixty-eight privates, including Corporals.

4th. That the Uniforms of every Batt. be simple and as cheap as possible.

5th. That no national Distinction in Dress or name be allowed in any Batt. or Company; but all to join in every Corps, in forming an army consistent with the Circumstances, Customs and Temper of Americans.

6th. That all the Battalions in the Province conform, strictly, to the words of Command and Exercise recommended in a Book published in the year ———, otherwise great Inconveniences may arise if the Corps in the different parts of the Province should act together.

7th. That the Colonels & other officers of the three Battalions in the City & Districts of Philadelphia, (first raised & formed,) do rank above any other Colonels in the Province, & do rank with each other agreeable to the mode already established among themselves.

8th. That the officers of the Battalions, now formed, in Philad'a County be next in rank; then

9th. That where the officers of the Battalions now formed in the several Counties have already fixed their Rank, such rank ought to be established, but where no regulations have been made & the rank not settled by a proper mode, the same to be determined by Lot.

10th. The Commissions of the Officers of the several Battalions in the several Counties, to be dated agreeable to the above Regulations; and all officers commissioned in future to hold rank agreeable to the Dates of their Commissions.

11th. That no Battalions or Companies ought to have rank, but should take Post in the Field according to the rank of their Commanders.

12th. That no Field Officers ought to hold Companies in any Battalion.

13th. That the Field officers of one Battalion should rank at present with the Field officers of others, according to the Rank of the Colonels of their respective Batt., and the Rank of inferior Officers in Companies should be determined by the Rank of the Captains.

14th. That the Battalions should be numbered in the several counties, 1st, 2d, 3d, &c., according to the Rank of their respective Colonels; and the Companies in each Battalion shall be distinguished by the Letters a, b, c, &c., &c., according to the Rank of the Captains of such Companies.

15th. It is recommended to all Freemen in the province, from the age of sixteen to fifty, immediately to associate in

some Batt. or Comp'y, to sign the articles of association, & in every respect to prepare himself for the Defence of the Liberties of America.

16th. It is recommended to those who are conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, to sign the association suitable to their Principles, published herewith.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

The following Regulations being agreed on by the Committee of Safety, are recommended to the associators of Pennsylv'a:

That the officers of the Battalions Raised & Formed in the City & County of Philad'a Take Rank according to the time of their being Formed in point of Priority.

That the Like Regulation take place in each of the Countys of this Province.

That if Two or more Battalions have been form'd on the same day they are to Ballott for Rank.

That when the Troops of Different Countys act Together, The Rank shall be accounted according to the time that they have been laid out or Erected into Countys.

That the Associators may be formed into Battalions, as directed by the C. Congress.

That no Commissions ought to be made out for any officer of any Corps of Infantry, except riffle Companys, unless they Compose a part of some Battalion.

National Corps ought not to be Formed, least the same should be prejudicial to the Common Cause. Therefore, to Discourage the same, Commissions ou't not to be made out for the appointment of Officers to such Corps.

The Committee recommended to the associators not to form any more Battalions in this Colony untill those already formed are Compleated; and for Compleating such Battalions as are already formed, Companys that have not Joined to some battalion are requested to Join the most Convenient of them. Recommend the Shirt, or some plain, cheap uniform.

## A TORY LETTER TO COL. ROBERDEAU.

Bucks County, Jan'y 22, 1776.

Dear Sir:—I must Inform you that I have got into one of the Greatest secrets and deepest laid schemes that ever was Laid in America, by some of the foremost men in all parts of the Country; And I am informed by one of them that there was a Council held about three weeks ago Concerning Mr. Kearsly, Brooks, Snowden and Carter being imprisoned, and, Also, he told me that they had wrote you a Letter Desiring you to let those Gentlemen out of Goal, (the truth of this you know best yourself,) and he says as it Is not done, they are determined to have them out at all Events. Dear Sir, Believe me, I am Afraid of yours and the Cause you are Engag'd In, and I would have come myself and informed you if I could with any safety, but I think I could not, for let me tell you that those people are Very strong and have both arms and ammunition are very numerous, for they are made up of both Associators and others, for this Gentleman is one of the field Officers that tells me this. And, also, he swears that if you do not let them Gentlemen out, if any of their party can come up with any of you they will put you from Confineing any more of his Majesty's Subjects. Therefore, let me beg of you, if there can be any way thought off among you to Appease those people and to stop the shedding of blood, pray let it be done, for they have Engaged to each other, as the Jews Did against Paul, to take your lives if you do not do something for them men. This is what he tells me, and I believe it to be true from what I have seen myself. And I also must inform you, as great friends as I believe you are to the Liberty of America, that the measures you and the Congress are takeing will cause a total Revolt from you and them, for the last resolve of the Congress is, that all such as will not take up Arms in the Cause of American Liberty shall have their arms taken from them. This has served only to stir up the people to Arm themselves, and will make such a stand that you will want no other Enemy to Engage but those of our own Country, if that Resolve is not Repeal'd and that very soon. This Informer tells me they can get as much powder and Ball as they want at any time.

Sir, your most Obedient,
Humble Servant.

## THE ASSOCIATORS OF PHILADELPHIA TO THE COMMITTEE.

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Philadelphia, 5th Feb'y, 1776.

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety
for the Province of Pennsylvania.

The petition of the Committee of Privates of the association belonging to the City and Liberties of Philadelphia humbly sheweth:

That, as it is of the utmost consequence in the Prosecution of our present most righteous opposition to Tyranny and Arbitrary Power, that none be commissioned as Officers in the Continental Service but those who manifest the most sincere and warm attachment to the cause of Liberty, and, as the Honorable the Continental Congress has entrusted the appointment of all inferior and the recommmendation of all superior officers for this Province to this honorable Board,

Your Petitioners do pray this honorable Board to appoint or recommend none but such as have signed the articles of asociation given out by the honourable House of Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, seeing this ought at this time to be considered as the strongest mark of attachment to the cause which our present Circumstances will admit of.

As your Petitioners have the pleasure to assure this honorable Board that the signing the articles aforesaid is become very general in the City & Districts, and like to be universal among those who have heretofore associated, and as the association is principally composed of Tradesmen and others who earn their living by their Industry; They do further pray this honorable board that such of them as may be capable of performing such publick works as this Honourable Board may have in charge to see executed, and have signed the Association aforesaid, may be employed in preference to all others, and that such works may be as equally distributed amongst the signers of the Association as conveniently can.

The propriety of this application your Petitioners humbly conceive will speak for itself, and as they assure themselves that this Honorable Board will consider the Associators who sign the Articles of Association as better to be depended on and more worthy of encouragement than those who do not, they take the liberty to request this Honorable Board to shew

them these marks of their favour and Countenance, and your Petitioners will pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of Privates,

SAM. SIMPSON, Chairman.

Indorsed:

The Petition from the Committee of Privates being read, this Board resolved that the Matters therein prayed are reasonable and proper, and this Committee will pay a due regard to the same.

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## RICHARD RILEY TO THE COMMITTEE.

Marcushook, February the 15th, 1776.

Sir:—As this town lies much exposed, & no Provision as yet is made for its defence, & by all Probability if the enemy should come up the River, this will be the place of Landing; if the Committee, therefore, could fall upon any method for the security of the place, or at least for preventing the Landing of the Enemy, by a Battery on shore, or a Floating one to be stationed here, with the assistance of a company or two of Rifflemen, all which appears at present to be wanting in order for the safety of this part of the Province, who are now Intirely exposed, without the least defence or the least means for defence, being without Battery, arms or ammunition, & of course if left so to continue will be obliged to abondon their Habitations. It is thought by some here that a Company of Rifflemen might be Raised by the Inhabitants, as the Chief of them are willing to serve for pay, if Provided with good & Sufficient Riffles, amunition, &c., and desired me to let the Committee know our situation & their willingness to serve. As it does not as yet suit me to attend the Committee, I should be obliged to you to let them know in what situation we are in, and whether any Provision is likely to be obtained, & if the Proposall Respecting the Rifflemen will be excepted, &c.

I am yours, &c.

RICHARD RILEY.

To George Gray, Esq., Lower Ferry.

## BENJ. RITTENHOUSE TO THE COMMITTEE.

Worcester, Feb. 16th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I have Considered your proposals, and am of opinion that Two Hundred & fifty Pounds pr. anum will not be more than adequate to my services in the undertaking, and as a Disadvantage will arise in Removing my family and Changing my situation with regard to Business and Living, I shall farther expect to be paid the sum of £50, In case I am not Continued in employ for the Term of three years.

If the above Terms are agreeable, I am disposed to engage; But request Leave to Consult my Family, and In a few days I will return the Board definite answer. The whole is submitted to your Consideration, By, Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant,
BENJ'N RITTENHOUSE.

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety.

## BENJAMIN RITTENHOUSE TO THE COMMITTEE.

Worcester, Febr. 16th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I have consulted my Family with regard to moving to the City, and they have consented thereto, in Case you think proper to have the works carried on there. If you think it necessary that I should be present to Chuse a suitable place for the manufactory, A few lines sent to my Brother will be conveyed and the summons carefully attended to, By, Gentlemen

Your Very Humble Servant,
BENJ'N RITTENHOUSE.

To the Committee of Safety.

## ALEX. MORRIS TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia, 19th Fbre., 1776.

Gentlemen:—When you have had goodness of ordering my release, I did believe, that my horse and portmanteau should be send again to Philadelphia; but since the committee of Wilmington keep close both, t'is an evident prove, that they were in want of it, because they were not suspicious; in this case let me beg of you, gentlemen, if you please, to enable me of requiring the benefit of my horse as usual, because my horse was not stolen, and because I can give the most convincing prove, as I was one of the best friends of American's State. With these sentiment I have honour to be with regard,

Gentlemen,

Your most humble Serv't,

ALEX'R MORRIS.

To the Honourable Council of Safety in Philadelphia.

## RETURN OF ARTILLERY STORES.

Return of Brass Ordnance, Amunition & Stores for the first Company of Artillery in Philadelphia, also of small Arms and Accoutrements for the same, begun May 1, 1775.

Feb'y 26, 1776.

| | Quality. | Quantity. |
|---|---|---|
| Brass Cannon, | 12 | 2 |
| Iron Cannon, with Beds & Quoins, | 4 | 2 |
| Traveling Carriages, with Elevation Screws and Limbers to them, | 12 | 2 |
| Do. do., with Quoins, | 4 | 2 |
| Rammers and Spunges, | 12 | 2 |
| Do. do., | 4 | 2 |
| Wadd Hooks and Ladles, | 12 | 2 |
| Do. do., | 4 | 2 |
| Tillers for do., | 12 | 2 |
| Do., | 4 | 2 |

| | Quality. | Quantity. |
|---|---|---|
| Hand Spikes, | 12 | 2 |
| Do., | 4 | 2 |
| Iron Crows, | | 4 |
| Budge Barrels, | 12 | 2 |
| Do., | 4 | 2 |
| Powder Horns, Priming Irons, | 12 pr, set, | 6 |
| and Bitts in Setts, | 4 | 6 |
| Good Ship Match, pounds, | | 12 |
| Lint Stocks, | 12 | 2 |
| Do., | 4 | 2 |
| Port fire Stocks and Hooks, | 12 | 2 |
| Do., do., | 4 | 2 |
| Aprons of Lead & Lanyards to, | 12 | 2 |
| Do. do., | 4 | 2 |
| Tomkins & Strops, with Collars, | 12 | 2 |
| Do. do., | 4 | 2 |
| Formers for Cartridges, | 12 | 2 |
| Do., do., | 4 | 2 |
| Drag Ropes and pins, | 12 | 2 |
| Do., do., | 4 | 2 |
| Round Shott fixt with Wooden bottoms and Flannel Cartridges, filled Complete with a proper Charge of good Powder, | 12 | 90 |
| Do. do., | 4 | 90 |
| Grape shott fixt with Wooden Bottoms, Tin Canisters, Flannel Cartridges, filled Complete with a proper charge of good Powder, | 12 | 90 |
| Do. do., | 4 | 90 |
| Hand grenades, charg'd & prim'd, | | 50 |
| Tin Tube Boxes, new Construction, | 12 | 3 |
| Do. do. | 4 | 3 |
| Copper Powder Measures, from 4 ℔ to ½ an oz., Setts, | | 1 |
| Port fires, Doz's, | | 4 |
| Tin tubes, prim'd and Cap't, | 12 | 360 |
| Do. do. | 4 | 260 |
| Height Boards, 2; Rulers, 2; Compasses, 2; Callipers, 2, and Disparts, in Sorts, 50. | | |
| 8 Inch Mortar & Bed, Complete, | | 1 |
| Shells for Do., 8 Inches, | | 150 |
| Powder for filling Do., Charging, &c., | | 525 |
| Fuzees, drove, prim'd & Cap't, 8 Inch, | | 130 |
| Rammers, Spunges, Wadd hooks and Ladles, Complete, two of each sort, | | 8 |

| | Quality. | Quantity. |
|---|---|---|
| Powder Horns, priming Irons & Bitts in Sort, Setts, | | 2 |
| Lint Stocks, Port fire Stocks, 1 Each, | | 2 |
| Salting Boxes, with Covers, | | 2 |
| Fire Balls & Carcasses, 8 inch, 50 of each, | | 100 |
| 4 2-5 Howbitzer, with a Light Carriage, | | 1 |
| Powder for filling Do., Charging, | | 100lb |
| Fuzees drove, prim'd & Cap't, 4 2-5, | | 80 |
| Lint Stocks & port fire Stocks, 1 each, | | 2 |
| Rammers, Spunges, Wad hooks and Ladles, Complete, 2 of each sort, | | 8 |
| Powder Horns, priming Irons and Bitts in sorts, setts, | | 2 |
| Fire Balls and Carcasses, 4 2-5 in., 50 of Each, | | 100 |
| Gunner's Quadrant, | | 1 |
| One light Carriage with two Wall pieces fixt on it, with a Light Mantulet fixt, | | 1 |
| Cartridges fixt with suitable 2 oz. Ball and Powder, | | 140 |
| Flints to do., Doz's, | | 2 |
| Muskets and Bayonets Completes, small arms for the first Artillery Company for 76 privates, Exclusive of the Officers in the Military and Civil List, Viz, for guards to the Baggage and Ammunition Waggons, | | 12 |
| Fuzees and Bayonets Complete, For the Remainder, Sergeants, Corporals, Bombadiers, Gunners, and Matrosses, &c., | | 64 |
| Common and Dark Lanthorns, two Each, | | 4 |
| Amunition Cart, cover'd with Harness to it, | | 1 |

The Articles in the foregoing Return, Mark'd, are completed, fit for Service.

BENJ'N LOXLEY, Cap'n.

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## BENJ. RITTENHOUSE TO THE COMMITTEE.

Worcester, Febr. 27th, 1776.

Dear Sir:—I am extreamly sorry I cou'd not possibly attend the Honourable board, Immediately on my receiving yours of the 21st Instant. The reasons of which were these: Under

the former regulations for Association of the Inhabitants thro' the Province, I had the Honour to be Chosen a Captain of a Company in our Town. In Consequence of which it fell upon me when the new Regulations came out, to endeavour to get them sighn'd, In the endeavouring of which I spent the Chief part of last week. Yesterday I was obliged to meet the Com'y to exercise them. This day I shou'd have been in the City, had not the weather and roads been so very bad. On the morrow, please God, I've my Health, I'll be there to attend the Commands of the Board.

Sir, I remain with Great Esteem,

Your Obliged Humble Servant,

BENJ'N RITTENHOUSE.

To Mr. Owen Biddle, Member of the Honourable Committee of Safety.

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## ROBERT TOWERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

28th Feb'y, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I have not spent one Hour in a Day, in my own House, or about my own business, since the 5th of July last, but have been constantly employed (Sundays not excepted,) in Collecting, Receiving, making up & delivering Military Stores, Arms & Ammunition, Proving Guns, inspecting Firelocks, Powder, &c., &c., the whole Expence of w'h, for Labourer's Wages, keeping Accounts, & Posting every article by double entries, has not cost the Province £4, tho' some Men might have made it Hundreds, & as no Person has ever been delayed a Quarter of an Hour, or put off till another time, it certainly required great diligence & Close application to dispatch so much Business, but a just sense of the importance of the Trust, & the great American Cause, were motives that induced me to do every Thing in my Power.

I am very sensible you apprehend the sum you have allowed, to be full compensation for my services, it might be more than sufficient for taking care of the Stores in Time of Peace, but when you consider the great Increase of Business at these times, I humbly conceive you will be of opinion that if I was to pay for all the writing necessary to be done, & the keeping a Horse, I should have but very little for my Trouble.

When I was appointed to the office for the Light artillery by the Committee of Inspection, I undertook it as a Volunteer, & do hope, you will not take it amiss, if I rather chuse to retain that character under you, than accept of Pay inadiquet to the service. In that Character, I will engage to observe all your Directions, as punctually as if I received 10s. per day, esteeming the Honour you conferred me, a full Compensation, but think I should have my Horse kept at the Public Expence, as no three Men could do the business without one.

I flatter myself I have not done Discredit to your Choice in appointing me Commissary, & if I know myself never will disgrace the office while you are pleased to continue me.

I am, Gentlemen, with great Respect,

Your most Obed't Humbl. Serv't,

ROB'T TOWERS.

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## ROUGH HEADS OF MILITARY PLANS.

All persons who do not associate (not being within the Exceptions in the Plan recommended by the Continental Congress) to be deemed Enemies to the Liberties of this Country whatever their Professions of Atachment to it may be; & Quere? Sho'd not some Tax be imposed upon them more than on those who associate & do duty?

Persons who have not already associated to join the Companies already formed in the ward, Borrough, Town or Township, wherein they inhabit, unless such companies be filled to their compliment; & after Persons have associated they shall not leave the Company wherein they originally associated in order to go into any other Company within the same City, Burrough, Town or Township; nor shall they, on any Pretence whatsoever, leave their Company without a Discharge from their Captain under whom they originally did duty. Persons who have left the Companies with whom they originally associated to be delivered up or dismissed on being reclaimed.

No two or more Companies to be formed in the same Ward, Township, Burrough or Town, unless there are a sufficient Number of associators to complete the whole of such Companies. The Companies whose Officers were first chosen to be

complete before any second Company shall begin to form. Companies having more than their Compliment shall suffer supernumeraries to be drafted into other Companies. The Companies when properly officered to be formed into Battallions consisting of eight Companies in the Battalion & a Light Infantry Company annexed. Each Battalion to consist of four Grand Divisions of two Companies each. Each Battalion to have a Grand regimental Colour, (& if they choose to put themselves in Uniform, their facings to be of this colour,) & four Grand Division Colour Flags of different Colours from each other. The Grand regimental Colour to be more Shewy than the others & to be bourne by the Ensign-in-Chief, whose rank shall be that of the Eldest Lieutenant.

To determine the Rank of Battallions, a Captain out of each Battallion in any City or County (where the same is not already determined) shall draw Lotts.

To determine the Rank of Captain in a Battallion, (where the same is not already sufficiently ascertained,) each Captain shall draw Lotts & inferior Officers shall follow the rank of their Captain with respect to one another. On removal or resignation of any officer the one chosen in his room of course becomes the youngest in Degree in the Battallion.

Whenever there are more Companies in this City or any County within this Province, (formed agreeable to these Regulations,) than will complete the Battallions the said supernumerary Companies may join the most convenient Battallion in any other County; but in general no company to go out of its County to join a Battallion.

No independent Company to be formed (except such the Nature of whose service requires them to be detached) on any pretence whatever, but all associators to strengthen the Plan recommended by the Congress, & also by this Committee, by joining in Battallions, & not injure the service by keeping themselves disjointed & detached.

No Person to be considered as an Officer, or be suffered to hold any Direction over any Associators, who has not a Commission from this Committee.

All Officers shall yield due Obedience & respect to their Superior Officer when on Duty, & all Disputes among Officers, or between Officers & People in the Ranks, to be referred to the Corps to which they belong, who shall take order in the matter & determine, as they shall think just, confining themselves to acquittal, censure, Expulsion, &ca. Persons refusing to submit to their Determination to be deemed unworthy the service.

Every Person or Persons not satisfied with the determination of his or their particular corps, may appeal to a general meeting of Officers of all the Battallions in the City or County wherein he or they reside.

In case of Death, resignation, or removal of any Officer or Officers in any Battallion, Comp'y, the People of the Company shall choose another Person in his room.

Every Battallion or Corps of Officers in this City or any County, may form regulations within their own Body, not contrary or inconsistent with the regulations of this Committee, & it is expected that the Associators obey such regulations as if made by this Committee.

An Uniformity of Exercise & maneuvers should be kept up within the Province; therefore, it is recommended that all Associators regulate themselves by the Book of Exercise approved of by his magesty in 1768 & 1771.

Officers of one Battallion or Corps not to receive Persons who have done Duty in any Capacity in another Battallion or Corps without a proper Discharge.

Any Company or Number of Associators leaving a Battallion or quitting the service after a fair Hearing & Determination by their Officers of their Corps, to be deemed Enemies to the public cause.

An Association to be subscribed to obey officers, & specifying what Service every Associator means to do. Every Person refusing to sign this to be held up as an Enemy to the Service.

Fines for getting Drunk, Swearing, quarrelling. Fine for not appearing once in three Days of meeting to be very severe, being absent on Days of Muster, talking in the ranks while under arms, appearing on the Field without Arms, for not keeping their Arms & Accoutrements in good order, for refusing to mount Guard at the request of their officer, for quitting the ranks before the Company dismissed, &c.

All Excuses to be submitted to the Captain or officers of ye Company.

No officer to use unbecoming Language to an Associator, & Vice Versa; not to strike an Associator, & Vice Versa.

Every Associator may, on request to the command'g officer, have a Battalion meeting of officers to determine Disputes or Complaints ag't officers or men.

All the foregoing relate to Times when not in actual service. Could not the military Discipline be properly soft'ned for Associators in actual service?

Courts martial, how constituted.

THINGS TO BE RECOMMENDED.

Numbering of the Regiments & Companies by Lot.

Rank in each County to be determined by such Lot, Or by Priority, as the time of their being formed; Qu'y.

Rank of Battalions of different Counties, when together, to follow the priority of Time of forming each County.

That no more Battalions be formed in any County till those already formed are compleated.

That the Uniforms be simple & cheap.

That Pikes be introduced for a third Rank. Qu'y & 4th enquire.

That no national Distinctions be observed in forming Companies or Battalions, but that all join in every Corps as Americans.

That an Association be recommended to the Conscientious, suitable to their Principles.

That Uniformity of Exercise be observed, and to that end that the Direction of the Books of 1768 & 1771 be followed.

Recommend to sign the Regulations of Association.

On a new Election of an officer, he to be the youngest.

Recommend Attention to the Resolves of the Congress.

Recommend Support of Civil Authority.

In the article with regard to independent Companies, there is an exception of those which from the Nature of the service must Necessarily be independent. Qu'y, whether Persons desirous of being independent will not call themselves Cadets, or something to elude this rule under the Exceptions. Independ't Companies will ruin the Service, therefore should be totally discouraged.

I am told they are forming another Battalion in the Liberties, or have some thoughts of it.

To the Article that no Company shall be raised until those first formed be complete. Suppose Battallion or Company was added, & also that if any Ward or Township there are any Supernumeraries, they shall join the most convenient Company in the Battallions already formed in the City or County where they reside.

There are in the Association Numbers of apprentices & some Servants; query, what is to be done as to them?

Suppose a Clause that every Person tho' he be Conscien-

tiously scrupulous of bearing arms, shall permitt his Apprentice to associate & appear on Duty & all Fines & company expences incurred by the s'd apprentice shall be paid by the said Master, & charged to said apprentice on his coming of age, but if any Fine incurred thro' the Master's means, he to pay it himself?

Every person, infirm or aged, to permitt their apprentice to associate for them & pay his Fines & Company Expences. If of sufficient circumstances, & they have no apprentice, they shall bear the expence of some poor Associator in the Ward or Township where they live.

Query, who is the Commander in this City & County? Col. Dickinson, of the first City Battallion, does he command the three? Col. Hamilton, of the 1st County Battallion, commands, I fancy, their four Battallions—but who commands the rifle Companies? or who commands the 2 first Colonels? if the riflemen are to join the Corps of officers, their Number of votes should be settled on an Equality.

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## THE COMMITTEE TO DR. FRANKLIN.

Philadelphia, March 4th, 1776.

Sir:—In order to carry into execution the Resolve of Congress for the manufacturing 52 Tons of Salt Petre into Powder, the Committee of Safety have Purchased a seat for Erecting a Powder Mill, which they Intend to build in such a manner as to manufacture about 4 tons per week, and they are of opinion that it will be necessary to build a magazine for the secure keeping the Powder as it is made, at some suitable Distance from the mill. This being a proper season for Erecting the same, and those Gent., who have the Superintendence of the Mills, will be able, at the same time, oversee the building the magazine.

The Committee request you will please to take the opinion of the Congress relative to the Erecting magazine.

GEORGE ROSS, Chairman.

Indorsed:

Letter to Dr. Franklin respecting powder Magazine to be erected on Acc't Congress, 4th March, 1776.

## ACCOUNT FOR REPAIRING THE OLD GOAL, BY ORDER OF CONGRESS.

March 7th, 1776.

The Continental Congress, to Sundries, Dr.

For work done in preparing the old Jail for the reception of troops:

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| To Christopher Shaffer & Will. Robinson, Carpenters— | | | | | |
| To work & Stuff repairing the house, ..... | | | £11 | 10 | 0 |
| To 82 Bedsteads, @ 10s., ..... | | | 41 | 0 | 0 |
| To 39 Benches, @ 3s. 6d., ..... | | | 6 | 16 | 0 |
| To 166 Sashlights, 8d., ..... | | | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| To 20 Tables, 8s. 1d., ..... | | | 8 | 1 | 8 |
| To mending the Pump, ..... | | | | 7 | 6 |
| | | | £78 | 5 | 10 |
| To James Claypole, Glazier: | | | | | |
| To 232 sq. Window Glass, 8 by 10, 10d., ..... | | | £9 | 13 | 4 |
| To Conrad Pidgeon, Bricklayer: | | | | | |
| To 1 Bus. Lime, ..... | 1 | 6 | | | |
| To Hair, ..... | | 6 | | | |
| To Workmanship, plastering & pointing the windows, ..... | 5 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | £7 | 6 |
| To Anthony Hull, for sweeping 12 Chimneys, @ 9d.: | | | | 9 | 0 |
| To Cleaning the Jail for workmen to begin, ..... | 12 | 0 | | | |
| To Do. after they had done, ..... | 7 | 6 | | 19 | 6 |
| | | | £89 | 15 | 2 |

LEWIS NICOLA, Barrack Master.

The above amount is for fitting up the old Goal, for the reception of the Troops, agreeable to the request of the Hon'ble the Continental Congress.

4th article of 166 Sashlights £5 10 8.

## PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING TENEMENTS FOR BARRACK HOSPITAL.

March 11th, 1776.

Isaac Cooper & Comp'y Proposals for Building four Tenniments of Frame, each 14½ feet Front, by 15 feet deep, two story high, (with a fire place in each room) to be lathed & plastered, the floor plain'd & grooved, with a Closet in each room, with two Glass windows down stairs & two Glass windows up stairs (without Cellars) for the sum of Forty Pounds Each; with the use of the Grounds. One year Rent free, then the Ground rent to Commence at a Price three different Men shall think reasonable. But Provided Isaac Cooper & Comp'y shou'd Build the said Tenniments at their own Expence, they will expect the annual Rent of Eight Pounds P'r annum for each House, their Insuring them from Fire; otherwise Ten pounds p'r Ann'm and a Certain time (not less than three years) Stipulated.

ISAAC COOPER & COMP'Y.

The Ground is 60 feet deep, its situation on north side of the Barricks on Green Street.

## DR. SMYTH TO THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

Philadelphia, March 14th, 1776.

Sir:—Being entirely unacquainted in this place, & altogether without friends to make interest or application for me, as has been done for others, my situation is peculiarly distressing. For this reason, I hope you will excuse the liberty I take of addressing myself to you as a gentleman, prompted thereto by the sentiments of humanity I particularly distinguished in you when I was before the committee. The disagreeable task of representing the circumstances of this cruel confinement to a man of sensibility, is what I would wish to avoid, but the apparent humanity of the gentlemen of the Committee, which I saw, & really believe sincere, induces me to imagine them ignorant of this. Sufficient it is, then, just to observe that I

am still rigidly confined within a close room, never permitted to go out of it, with both doors constantly shut & the sashes nailed down, & the former severity not in the least remitted, notwithstanding what I flattered myself from the favourable expression of the committee. An imprisonment like this cannot be intended merely as a Confinement—it is much more; it is a punishment, by its long continuance of the severest kind, greatly aggravated by the want of air, exercise & health. If meant as such I would be exceedingly glad to know the crime aledged for the cause of it, as punishing a person without informing him for what, by no means answers its intention. In this light I cannot but view it, being deprived of the small liberties allow'd to all prisoners whatever, even common Soldiers. Mr. Cameron & I being the only persons now suffering in this manner, the cause I am quite at a loss to account for. By owning that I acted from principle, I did not intend offence, but expected thereby to interest in my favour those who also acted from principle, however opposite to mine, Candor, also, which was desired of me, & which I always wish to use, obliged me to make that free acknowledgment, & I am sorry if good intentions have been prejudicial to me. No person can be more truly or more painfully concerned at this most unhappy contest than I ever have been, & still am, nor can any one more sincerely wish for an honorable accomodation, on constitutional principles, & perfectly consistent with the freedom of every British subject indiscriminately. This being ever my first & most ardent wish, it may well be believed that I was always fond of moderation, & never wished for violence, having maturely weighed both sides before I determined, my principles were firm. I can aver my conduct has been steady & uniform, after the dispute was lost in the consequences, I thought it my duty to act as I did. But even an enemy, when made prisoner & deprived of all power of offence & means of defence, is no longer an enemy, reflection points him out a captive, & as such, true courage & generosity instead of aggravating would alleviate his distress. This, I flatter myself, will influence you in my favour to procure me such indulgence as the Committee have in their power, or may think proper to allow, untill such time as the Congress have leisure to attend to my application, & untill I may find a method of making it. In my present sequestered situation, secluded from all society & intercourse, it is impossible for me to get any application sent, to procure any one to support it, or to bring me any return. On such terms I would engage, in the meantime, not to

correspond without the knowledge of some of the committee. This relief in my condition would be an act of humanity, which I am hopeful may be procured by your means, for

Sir, Your most obedient
& most humble Servant,
F. SMYTH.

P. S. I shall be extremely oblig'd for a line in answer.
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John Nixon, Esq'r.

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## THE SECOND BATTALION TO COL. ROBERDEAU.

Philad'a, March 16th, 1776.

Sir:—As the worst of Consequences may ensue to the Associators when call'd out to action, if their musketts should prove defective, The Committee of Privates earnestly request you to take effectual measures to have the musketts belonging to the association of your Battallion inspected and tried, as soon as possible, that it may be known whether they are fit for actual service or not, which will give great satisfaction to the associators in general.

Signed by order of the Committee of Privates.
SAM'L SIMPSON, Pres't.

To Daniel Roberdeau, Esq., Colonell of the 2nd Battallion.

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## THE ASSEMBLY TO THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

16th March, 1776.

Gent'n:—A Resolve passed the House of Assembly, yesterday, for the officers and Soldiers belonging to the Continental Army, raised in this Province, to be furnished such necessarys as they stand in need of, that are in the Possession of the Barrack master, whilst at the Barracks, and refer the officers to the Committee of Safety for an order to the Barrack Master.

I am, Gent'n Your most obed't
Hum'l Serv't,
WM. THOMPSON.

To the Committe of Safety.

## ACCOUNT OF THE MAGAZINE IN THE BOROUGH OF LANCASTER.

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An Account of the Powder, Lead and Military Stores delivered into the Magazine for and at the Expence of the County of Lancaster, agreeable to the Resolves & Recommendations of the Justices, Grand Jury, Committee & Commissioners and Assessors of the said County.

May, 1775.

From the Stores of Mathias Slough, Esquire—Powder, 3 quarter Casks & 20 lbs. is 95 lbs.; Lead, 6 ct. 3 21, is 777 lbs.

From the Store of Mr. Christian Wirtz—Powder, 5 quarter casks, is 125 lbs.; Lead, 2ct. 0 0, is 224 lbs.

From the Store of Mrs. Charles Hamilton—Powder, 26 quarter Casks, is 650 lbs.; Lead, 9ct. 0 22, is 1,130 lbs.

From the Store of Mess'rs. Lauman & Hubley—Powder, 2 quarter Casks, is 50 lbs.; Lead, 0 ct. 3 14, is 98 lbs.

From the Store of Mess'rs. Simons & Levy—Powder, 2 quarter Casks, is 50 lbs.; Lead, 2 ct. 2 0, is 280 lbs.

From the Store of Mess'rs. Lockharts—Powder, 5 quarter Casks, is 125 lbs.; Lead, 3 ct. 3 0, is 420 lbs.

From the Store of Mr. John Hopson—Powder, 2 quarter Casks, is 50 lbs.

From the Store of Mr. Christopher Grafford—Powder, 9 lbs.; Lead, 2 ct. 2 0, is 280 lbs.

From the Store of Mr. George Graff—Powder, 20 lbs.; Lead, 0 ct. 1 0, is 28 lbs.

From the Store of Mr. Michael Hubley—Powder, 15½ lbs.

From the Store of Mr. John Ebberman—Powder, 20 lbs.; Lead, 50 lbs.

From the Store of Mr. John Baker, of Leditz—Powder, 1 quarter Cask, 25 lbs.

March 15th, 1776.

From the Store of Mr. Paul Zantzinger—Powder, 1 half Barrel, 50 lbs.

Total Powder, 1,284½ lbs.; total Lead, 3,287 lbs.

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Amount of Powder, Lead and Military Stores in the Magazine at Lancaster, the 15th day of March, 1776.

Powder, 27 quarter Casks, 675 lbs; Barr Lead, 1,539.

Loose powder, 16 lbs.; Bullits, 491 lbs.
Powder, 1 half Barrel, 50 lbs.; Sheet Lead, 370.
Total Powder, 741 lbs.; total Lead, 2,400 lbs.

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Account of the Powder and Lead expended and delivered out of the Magazine at Lancaster before the 15th March, 1776, at the request of the Committee of Safety:

For the Treaty at Pittsburg—Powder, 8 quarter Casks, 200 lbs.

For Northumberland—Powder, 8 quarter Casks, 200 lbs.; Lead, 300 lbs.

Delivered out to and used by the Rifle Companys of Capt. Smith & Ross—Powder, 65 lbs.; Lead, 250 lbs.

Used for Cartridges—Powder, 22¼ lbs.; Lead, 49 lbs.

Used for prooving the Musket Barrels—Powder, 24 lbs.; Lead, 24 lbs.

Spared to different persons, viz't:

To Michael Nicholas—Powder, 2 lbs.
To John Henry, at different times—Powder, 24 lbs.
To Henry Zericher—Powder, 5 lbs.
To Peter Gonder—Lead, 10 lbs.
To Daniel Bard—Lead, 4 lbs.
To Sundry persons to destroy mad dogs—Powder, 1¾ lbs.
Total—Powder, 545 lbs; Lead, 637.

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Powder received into the Magazine, 1,284½ lbs.
Lead received into the Magazine, 3,287 lbs.
Powder expended & taken out of the Magazine, 545 lbs.
Lead expended & taken out, 637 lbs.
Powder in the Magazine 15th March, 1776, 741 lbs.
Lead in the Magazine 15th March, 1776, 2,400 lbs.
Total—Powder, 1,287 lbs.; Lead, 3,037 lbs.

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So that the powder holds out with great exactness—and as to the Lead there is a deficiency of 250 lbs., part of which was used at the prison steps & blowing there; and the Residue was used by the Rifle men in trying their Rifles.

To the Committee of Lancaster County:

We, the subscribers, your sub-Committee appointed on the first day of March instant to examine the State of the County' magazine of Powder in Lancaster, and state the quantities originally received or placed in the magazine, & from whom had, the quantities expended for publick & other uses, and the quantities now on hand, do report that we have examined the magazine and do find that the quantities originally received, the quantities expended for publick & other uses, and the quantitys now on hand, with the names of the persons from whom had, are as within stated & set forth, and are of opinion that the care and conduct of the different Gentlemen who have from time to time had the charge of the magazine, hath been such as to merit the approbation of the Committee.

All which we submit to the Committee. Witness our hands the 16th of March, 1776.

(Signed) WILLIAM ATLEE,
WILLIAM BOWMAN,
ANDREW GRAFF,
JACOB KING,
JOHN HARRIS.

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In Committee, 16th March, 1776.

The above & within Report, & State of the Magazine, being taken into consideration, is approved of by the Committee, and ordered to be entered in the minutes of this Committee.

A True Copy of the Minutes.

G. ROSS, Jr., Secretary.

## ACC'T OF FIRELOCKS PURCHASED BY CAPT. ENNION WILLIAMS.

V. & A: For Capt. Ennion Williams, to be Compleat fifteen firelocks the property of the province, viz:

| Month. | No. | First cost. | Repairs wanting to make them Compleat. | Repairs done. | Total. |
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| | | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Febru'y, | 19 | 3 0 0 | Upper and lower pipes, tailspring with province Bayonet, & Scabbard & ramrod, . . | 0 4 0 | 3 4 0 |
| | 20 | 2 16 0 | Upper pipe, middle do., & will soon want Stocking, . . . . . | 0 3 0 | 2 19 0 |
| | 21 | 3 0 0 | Province Bayonet & Scabbard, . . . . | 0 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| | 22 | 3 0 0 | Upper pipe & middle do., with province Bayonet & Scabbard, . | 0 3 0 | 3 3 0 |
| | 23 | 2 6 0 | Feather spring, 1 small screw will soon want stocking with province Bayonet & Scabbard, . | 0 9 0 | 2 9 9 |
| | 24 | 2 10 0 | Cleaning with province Bayonet & Scabbard. . | 0 2 6 | 2 12 6 |
| | 25 | 3 0 0 | Province Bayonet & Scabbard, . . . . . | 0 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| | 26 | 1 17 6 | Middle pipe & Cleaning will soon want Stocking, . . . . . | 0 3 6 | 2 1 0 |
| | 27 | 3 0 0 | Upper pipe, tailspring, steel hard'nd pan, mended & Cleaning with province Bayonet & Scabbard, . . . . . | 0 5 3 | 3 5 3 |
| | 28 | 4 0 0 | Compleat, . . . . . | 0 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| | 29 | 3 10 0 | Do. . . . . | 0 0 0 | 3 10 0 |
| | 30 | 3 5 0 | Do . . . . . | 0 0 0 | 3 5 0 |
| | 31 | 4 0 0 | Do. . . . . | 0 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| | 32 | 3 12 6 | Do. . . . . | 0 0 0 | 3 12 6 |
| | 63 | 3 9 6 | Swivels & Cleaning with province Bayonet, . . | 0 5 6 | 3 15 0 |
| | | | | 1 10 6 | 47 17 0 |

ROB'T TOWERS, C. M. S.
THOS. SAVADGE.

18th March, 1776

## ALEX'R STEWART TO COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

Philad'a Goal, March 26th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—Since ever I have come to the age of Man and held the Govermentt of myself, I have allways supported the Cause of Liberty, and have Constantly opposed measures that Carried with the many tendency towards Tyranny or Oppression, either in Church or State, and had allways an utter Avertion to Bribery or Corruption. I very early in Life Imbibed the Principles of Liberty, and allways was and ever shall be ready to Venture my Life in its Defence; and tho' I am Certain my Present Application to you in Behalf of myself and the rest of the Debtors now Confined will be of the most Fatal Consequences to me, if not redress'd, yett my Principles are such, that tho' I where sure of Immediate Death on account of it, I Cannot bear to see my Fellow Cretures so Cruelly and Inhumanly treated by a Goaler, who is Literally a Goaler in every sence of the word and totally divested of every sence of Feeling, and tho' the Common Acceptation of a Goaler is that he is but one Degree above a Hangman, yett I must give it as my real opinion, that I believe there is not a Human being upon earth but what has more Humanity in their Breasts than the present Goaler. I will only Beg leave, Gentlemen, to Trouble you with two or three Instances, amongs five Hundred, that has happened within two weeks: A young Lad, scarsely twenty, having Drank a Little Extraordinary with some of his Friends in the morning, grew Quarrelsome and riotous, and having some old Grudge against the Turnkeys and Goaler, was Imprudent enough to abuse them, on which Mr. Dewees, very properly, (Instead of Beating according to his usual Custom,) Confined him in a room appointed for that purpose, which all the Goal approved off. But there the poor Creture was Confined for three days and Nights without a bedd or Blankett to lay on or Buckett to ease Nature in, so that the poor wreatch was in the most miserable Situation, and, tho' he made every Concession that was possible, yett necessity obliged him to break the lock the 4th day, when he retired Quietly to his room and would have Continued so, but there Brutal revenge not being satisfied, as soon as they lockt up the rest of the Debtors they came to his room and Draged him out, kicked him (and another that pretended to Assist him) down stairs, and abused them in a most shocking manner with two

great clubbs, and put them into the Criminals' side. The same Evening a woman Prisoner being at the Necessary, the time of Locking up, the Turnkey lockt the door and left her there, but on her calling to the rest to gett her Admittance or Call the Turnkey, some Gentlemen, overhearing The Matter, went and Call'd the Turnkey, who Immediately went with a stick in his hand, and finding the poor woman in the yard, thr' it was throu' his own Neglect, Floged her most unmercifully in the yard and from thence to her Chamber door, & there gave her twenty or thirty stripes as hard as he cou'd lay on her, before he wou'd open the door to lett her in.

As to his ill usage of me, it is of the most Extraordinary Nature, and for no other Apparent Reason but because I did not Chuse to board with him, or spend what Little money I had, in the Kitchen, but was Constantly supply'd with every Necessary by Mrs. Stewart, who had lived with me as my Wife for four Years and upwards and had borne me four Children, and till the Torys Came into Goal always attended me day and night; but having an Excuse of them, deprived me of her Company, and Shortly after endeavored to hurt her Character, and took all the pains he cou'd to sett me against her. But I, having discovered the Plott, he found all his Malitious attempts in Vain, and then he pretended we were not Married; and out of a Scruple of Conctions wou'd not lett her Come into See me, and since my last Petition to the Committee of Inspection, (on Account of the Exorbitant price of Liquors and not admitting any to be Brought in,) will not admitt her to bring me my Victuals, even to the Gate, so that since Friday last to this day, I have not had a morsell of my own to put within my lipps, but what I have gott from the Prisoners here Confined. These dreadfull Creweltys are really so Shocking to human Nature that, Lett the Consequences be ever so dangerous to me, I must expose it to publick View, as the Petition, allready Mentioned, in behalf of myself and the rest of the Prisoners, has, on Account of Mr. Dewees being present, and I suppose by his falce representations, had not the desired Effect, as he has allready prevented seventeen other Petitions before, which were sent to different Majestrates on Account of Grievances. Tho' I have perceived the Committee of Inspection have, in their Advertizement since the above Petition, included retailers as well as Wholesale Dealers, Nevertheless, the prizes are still held the same in this place by Mr. Dewees, viz: Spirits, 12s. per Gallon; Geneva, 2s. per Pint, and this Country Rum @ 6s. per Gallon, which my Finances Can no ways afford, and must tend to the

ruin of many Familys. I therefore hope your Honors will take the most Distress'd part of the Community under your Protection, and be kind Enough to try the Truth of our Allegation, face to face, & then you will see the man in his proper Colours. Be assured, there is not a Greater Brute on Earth; he is Proud, Cruell and averitious to the greatest degree, and so tenatious of his own Consequence and authority, that he never will forgive or forgett the smallest Check to either. * * * * All these Allegations I am ready to prove in the most solemn manner. Therefore, only Begs to be heard and put to the tryal, which will most particularly Oblige, Gentlemen, with the Greatest Esteem,

Your much Distressed,
Hum'le Serv't,
ALEXANDER STEWART.

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## THE COMMITTEE OF NORTHAMPTON TO THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

Easton, March 27th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I have received your several alarming and important Letters of the 19th & 23rd Instant this day, in consequence of which I have by express summon'd our Committee to meet next Saturday, several of whom live at a great distance from this Town. Meanwhile, that no time might be lost, I have informed by Letter the Field Officers of the Critical Circumstances of our present unhappy situation; and that they should hold their several Battalions in readiness for immediate service, to march at an hour's warning, agreeable to your Instructions. With respect to the resolve of the Congress relative to the employing some trusty persons to purchase as many good muskets as will be sufficient to arm the Battalions of Musketteers now to be raised for the particular defence of this Province, I undertake to assure you that the said resolve will be put into immediate Execution and observed with unremitting diligence.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most Humble Servant,
LEWIS GORDON, Chairman.

To Mr. John Nixon, Chairman of the Committee of Safety.

## WILLIAM DUNLAP TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philadelphia, April 1st, 1776.

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania:

The Petition of William Dunlap Humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner hath been employed in the Command of a Vessel in the Merchant's Service on Lake Erie, and is well acquainted with the Navigation of that and the other Lakes. That going from Lake Ontario to New York, he was Stoped at Oswego by Guy Johnston, who carried him to Montreal where he was detained about five months.

That on the arrival of General Montgomery at Montreal, he was released, and by Permissions from the General and other officers, (which he begs leave herewith to lay before you) he proceeded to this City.

That he is desirous of entering into the service of America in such Employ as he shall be thought capable of, and therefore prays your Honorable Board will be pleased to make him such appointment as you shall see meet. And your Petitioner, as in Duty bound, will ever pray.

WILLIAM DUNLAP.

## COMMITTEE OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

In the Committee,
Carlisle, April 6th, 1776.

Gent'n:—On receipt of y'rs of the 2d Inst., (inclosing a Copy of an Information about Sam'l Semple, his servant and a Boy, and of a Resolve of Congress of the same Date, made in Consequence of that Information,) We met, called the accused Parties before us, viz: Sam'l Semple, John Morgan, (his servant,) & John Waters, (the Boy,) searched and examined them, their Saddle Bags, Saddles, &c., carefully, and found neither Letter nor paper with them which could fix any Charge against them. In the course of Examination, Morgan & Waters appeared

to us to be enemies to the American Cause. As soon as Waters & Morgan came to Lanc'r they visited the prisoners in the Barracks, and as soon as Waters came here (w'ch was Friday, about 10 o'Clock, A. M.) he found out, and associated with, the servants of the Officers prisoners here, and confessed that he had a Conference with a certain Lieut. Peacock (one of the Officers) here. John Morgan acknowledged himself an indented servant of Sam'l Semple; that he absented from his Master's Service about 3½ Years ago, and that his said Master found him an Hostler at the sign of the Ship, on Lanc'r Road, near Brandywine, on his Return from Philad'a, viz: on last Tuesday evening, in which Acc't the Master, Servant & Boy agreed, but denied that he had been in Philad'a or had seen his Master from the Time he ran away until last Tuesday, (for the Master had not called at the Ship on his way to Philad'a.) If these Acc'ts be true, he can't be the servant mentioned in the Information to Congress. Notwithstanding all this, it is proved before us by two credible Witnesses, this Morning, that Morgan said last Night that he had been in Philad'a Prison several Times and saw Connolly tnere; that he was now on his way to Detroit, Illanoise and New Orleans; had three half Joes & a Dollar in paper to bear his Expences on that Journey, and no more; for he was going unexpectedly. On Examination, he denied that he had any such money, and on search, no more than half a Dollar, Maryland Paper Curr., was found with him. It was also proved by one of the same Witnesses that he had said on Friday Night that "Waters had Letters of Recommendation to Officers at Detroit." This Waters denied, and on searching him, no Letters were found. Waters said he had been an Apprentice to the proprietors of the China Manufactory at Philad'a; that when that Company failed he had procured his Discharge, and latterally followed Painting and Glazing; that he had been employed by an insolvent Debtor in the Goal of Philad'a to notify his Creditors, &ca., and by that Means became known to Connolly; that Connolly employed him to inform Sam. Semple that he desired to speak with him, w'ch he did, and by that Means became known to Semple; that Semple offered him £30 and his Accommodations to serve him as a Bar Keeper two years at Fort Pitt, which he said was too little; however, he agreed to go with him.

Semple agrees with the Boy in that Acc't, and adds that the Horses rode here by Morgan and Waters are horses which Colo. St. Clair & Capt'n Butler took down, which, at their Request he undertook to bring back, and denies that he had any Ser-

vant in Philad'a. We are informed that a certain Man had traveled with Semple from Sasquahannah on Thursday evening to a Tavern at Colo. Callender's lower Planta., ten miles Eastward of Carlisle, lodged there with Semple; that he left Semple, &c., there early on Friday Morning; came to Carlisle before Waters & Morgan; fed his horse and pushed on Westward, (for Semple came some time after Morgan and Waters.) We suspected that Traveller might be the Man who pass'd as Semple's Servant at Philad'a, and sent three Men after him, who alarmed the Country on every Road Westward, and forwarded his description to Bedford. The Inhabitants pursued with great Readiness; our Messengers found out that he was only an Inhabitant of this County, unconnected with Semple, and are now return'd.

Upon the whole, Gent'n, we have confined Morgan & Waters in Prison, and Semple in a private House in Town, at least until Semple's Goods, (now in a Wagon on the Road) come to Town, or until farther Order of this Committee.

Semple, since his Confinement, says that he was permitted to speak with Connolly last Saturday Evening, by and in presence of two of ye Members, for the Truth of which he refers to the Prison Keepers in Philad'a, who he says, knows their Names, tho' he does not know them. If you have any further Information or Testimony against these Men, you will be pleased to send it us; if not, y'r Advice whether we ought not to discharge them, after searching the wagon.

We further take the liberty to inform you, that we have Reason to believe that the Officers prisoners do correspond, tho' we know not with whom, nor about what; but we are certain that Soldiers Prisoners at Lanc'r have been seen here with passes from the Committee of Lanc'r. They sometimes tell News which we hear no other way, and they say, "there are some very good Men in Lancaster." We are at no loss to know what they mean by good Men.

Some Time ago We wrote to you, and enclosed the Objection of the Officers (prisoners here) to their Parole signed by themselves. Your Answer to our former Letter & to this we earnestly desire, and are, Gent'n,

Your most obed't H'ble Serv'ts,

(Signed by Order of the Committee,)

GEORGE STEVENSON, Chairman.

## JOHN WEBB TO ALEX'R WILLCOCKS.

Sunday Night, 10 O'Clock, 8th April, 1776.

Sir:—This afternoon, at 4 o'Clock, I Rec'd a Letter from Capt'n John Hambleton, desiring my Emmedeate attendance, with my Evidences, to aten a Corte of Inquirry in Regard to Capt'n Henderson and my self. I Emedeately Repair'd to the Island, with the greatest part of the Lieut's in the fleet then down, and mensioned the Improperty of the day, Itt being the Sabeth, and Likewise Late. However, the Corte being Called with Great dificulty, I gott Liberty for an Equal number of Lieut's to sett on the said Corte, they Having appointed three, the Rest all Capt'ns. On proseiding to Business, itt wass Conducted not with the property that I have seen Shuch Corts, my Evedances not a Quarter part being heard, and them Intemedated with feir of the officers that must Command them hearafter. Minnuts was takeing of shuch matters as was servisable only to those Gentle'n as wants to tirenise over the Lieut's in General. I, therefore, Begg the favour that you'l pleas to Represent the affair to the Committy, that I may have a Hearing By them, or sum three or four that they may pleas to appoint, as I think myself Greatly abused and not able to attend heir, being much afflicted with the rumetis.

I am, Sir, with Great Respect,

Your M'st Hum'l Serv't,

JOHN WEBB.

To Alexander Willcocks, Esq'r.

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## HENRY TUDER, A PILOT, TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia, 22d April, 1776.

To the Honourable The Committee of Safety:

The Petition of Henry Tuder, a Pilot in the River Delaware, Sheweth:

That your Petitioner has been in the Capacity of a Pilot in the River Delaware these Twenty-six years past, During which time he never met with any accident that proved any ways

prejudicial to the Interest of any Gentleman that pleased to Employ him; Besides, your petitioner has been Pilot of several Men of War in the said River Delaware, and there never was any seizure made by them during his stay on board, which is well known to many of the Merchants in this City.. Your Petitioner was also called upon within these few years to go down to the Capes in the Customhouse Boat, which your Petitioner complyed with, and was offered a very beneficial birth on board the said Boat by Mr. Haughton, Surveyor General, which your Petitioner absolutely declined the offer. At the same time, there was two Pilot Boats Loaded with Tea out of Captain Budden's Sloop which got cast away at Cape Henlopen, by not getting into Lewis Town Creek, which the officers of the kings (or Custom house) boat getting Inteligence of immediately proceeded to seize the said Pilot Boats and their Cargoes of Tea; but your Petitioner through a Stratagem of his own found means to get on shore and communicated the intentions of the Officers belonging to the Customhouse boats to the Captains of the Pilot Boats; by which means the Pilot Boats got clear from the Customhouse Boat, cheefly owing to your Petitioner telling the Customhouse Officers that there was not water enough to carry them to where the Pilot boats lay, altho' there was water plenty.

Your Petitioner would Intreat your Honours to pay no regard to any Malicious Stories that has been lately propagated by some evilminded person or Persons, Greatly to the Prejudice of your Petitioner & his family, by Reporting y'r Petitioner was lately on board the Roebuck Man of War, which your Petitioner can full satisfy your Honours to the Contrary, he being in Wilmington at the time it was Reported. These considerations Emboldens your Petitioner to solicit your Honl. Board to promote him to some station in Defence of American Liberty, such as commander of a Small Fire Galley, or any other post your Honour's shall think proper, so as that your Petitioner may be the better enabled to support his wife and a small helpless family; And your Petitioner, as in Duty Bound, will ever Pray.

HENRY TUDER.

N. B. Y'r Petitioner will wait upon y'r Honours at any time in order to stand an Examination if Required.

## THE COMMITTEE TO MESSRS. WORRELL AND ALLISON.

Philad'a, 20th May, 1776.

Gentlemen:—We are informed that you have inticed the workmen employ'd at other branches of the public works, to leave the said work by giving them greater wages than they had agreed to work for, particularly some men who had been employ'd on the piers. Such a conduct is attended with very mischievous consequences, and will greatly retard our public works; it is therefore our particular orders that you discharge such men immediately, & that you do not in future employ any workmen who are already engaged in any public service.

JOHN NIXAN, Ch'm.

To James Worrell & Robert Allison.

## THE COMMITTEE TO MARK BIRD.

Philad'a, 28th May, 1776.

Sir:—The Committee of Safety have received your favour of the 18th Instant, and thankfully accept your public spirited offer to purchase & have made one hundred Stand of arms; in consequence of which, you have inclosed an order on our Provincial Treasurer for four hundred & twenty pounds, likewise the required order to the Commissioners & assessors of your County to deliver you all the Muskets they have made, on your paying for them. They are to get them replaced by new ones which they are to have made as quick as possible.

A Copy of the resolve of this board is inclosed to you, and the public necessity will sufficiently intimate to you that the arms are much wanted; therefore it is needless to urge you to exert yourself in procuring the muskets with all possible expedition. When they are obtained, you are requested to forward them as soon as you can to our Commissary, Mr. Rob't Towers, in this city.

JAMES BIDDLE, Ch'm.

## EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MR. HAMPTON OF VIRGINIA.

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May 29th, 1776.

"There is but one Pan erected yet, which is composed of a great number of Iron Plates, Each put together by Screws. Hammer'd Plates would certainly be better for two reasons: the cost, requiring, from their necessary Thickness, a much greater Quantity of Fuel, and the uncertainty of getting them to fit properly, to which I might also have added a third—the weight. The whole is supported on Cast Iron Beams, over a large Furnace, which must have two Doors on the same side, the bottom of the Furnace mostly Iron Grates, to give air and let the ashes through, the Foundation, Sides, &c., Brick and Mortar, with a slight covering to the whole. The Brine is, at full Tide, let into a large Pond, by a Gate, where it remains till a greater part of the Impurities subside, when it is rais'd by Pumps and conveyed through troughs to the Pan, which is about 15 or 18 inches deep and contains about 2,500 Gallon; there is frequently fresh quantities of water added while boiling, and the Pan is generally drawn or clear'd of the salt twice a week, (tho' I'm told, and indeed believe it to be practicable to do it, three Times;) each Drawing is from 20 to 25 Bushels of Salt, according to the strength of the Brine, which has encreas'd lately, and some time ago, from Experiments made, produced about one-twenty-sixth part of Salt. Mr. Tait, as well as I recollect, says that one boiling or Pan of salt, as he calls it, will consume about 4 Cords of Wood, but apprehend much depends on placing the Pan at a proper distance from the Grates. There are public works to be erected here and in the next County for making salt by the sun. The undertaker is not yet come over, so can say nothing of his Plan, but I imagine it will be advantageous.

## DOCK WARD RETURN OF ARMS IN THE HANDS OF NON-ASSOCIATORS.

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Dock Ward, Philad'a, May 30th, 1776.

Return of Sundry persons who have been applyed too as non-associators for their Arms, and Having Arms, Refuse To give them up, also some others, who from Information, and Ill Treatment we have Received are Supposed to have Arms Concealed, and who are thought to be Notoriously Disaffected, viz:

James Jenkins, Has six new Gun Barrels and will not Deliver them to any Body but at his pleasure, and his price and Money Immediately paid for them.

William Prichard, one Musquit—won't Deliver.

Samuel Jackson, Merch't one do. called several Times. He promised to Deliver the same, but on urging him, Refused. Plead the sale of it.

Adam Hubly, has one and refused to give it up, thinking no Compultion should be used to those who keep them for their own Defence, tho' do not associate.

Capt'n Bingly has Two, but will not Deliver Them, as he is Going into Immediate Service.

Jonathan Baxter, coach Maker at the Corner of Second and Spruce Streets, Supposed to have arms but will not give the Least Satisfaction, and is in Defyance of any one to take Satisfaction of him.

William Rigdon Has Arms but will not Deliver them.

Duning Erwin is supposed to have arms, But Denyes.

CHARLES PRYOR,
W. SHARPE,
JOHN SNOWDEN.

## CAPT. DOUGHERTY TO THE COMMITTEE.

Philad'a, May 30th, 1776.

Gentlm'n:—By a decree of Court marshell held yesterday on Thos. Moore, found him guilty of mutiny and calling the officers of the fleet a set of Rebels, & threatening his entering on Board the first King's Ship he can get on Board of, the court have decreed him thirty Nine lashes, & to Be Imp'son'd during your pleasure.

Gentlm'n, I Remain,

Your Most Obd't Humbl. Serv't,

H. DOUGHERTY, President.

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## JOHN REED TO OWEN BIDDLE.

Fort Island, 2d June, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I have sent a return, the exactness of it would have been more Compleat had all the articles been at first sent to me, but as my appointment was later than the time, several of the things sent. As it is, I have done my Indeavour, both by Inquiry and finding out such things as I knew and heard had been sent down before I was favoured with your Order.

In a Letter I received from Mr. Howell, I was ordered to take an Account of the Guns, Carriages, and send an Inventory thereof. I saw Capt. Proctor that Evening; he told me that he had seen a Copy of that Letter and said something on that subject. He says he shall appoint a person as Conductor, and no doubt but would be better pleased to have a person for that purpose to give an Inventory for such articles of the Artillery as is necessary. I mean not to avoid executing your Orders in that way, tho' a distinct Department. Capt. Proctor order'd the 10lb of Twine, the Barrel of Tallow and Barrel of tarr into his store. This is the reason I omitted in the return. There is, likewise, a number of Articles in my possession, left by Mr. Palmer of the former store, such as Tea cups, small Bowls, some Earthen plates and a few old knives and forks, a milch Cow, which I have winter'd severall years, which may

be had when call'd for, but it would lengthen out a return to an unCommon Size, as it is now long, and scarsety of that size paper prevent me making a farer Copy. And beg you'l please to excuse an * * * * * to plane to be seen and the Hurry of this scroll. My son is Just ready to off the boat, will not wait.

I am, sir, your most Obedient,
Humble Serv't,
JOHN READ.

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## DAVID BEVERIDGE TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philad'a, June 16, 1776.

Gent'n:—Having lately sustain'd a very heavy loss, by a vessel of mine, from Hispaniola, being run by the pilot on the Chevaux de Frize, whereby most of the Cargo hath perished, & what remains to exceedingly damaged as to be of very little value and the Vessel render'd totally unfitt for use, which proves a great injury & Stoppage to my traffick, having made no Insurance whatever. I flatter myself, therefore, if this matter were laid before the Congress by your Board, that permission might obtain'd for me to load a Vessel with this Country produce to the place from whence he came, whereby I might, in some measure, repair the damage I have so unfortunately sustained, & probably thereby have it in my power to procure such artickles as would be usefull to the present cause.

I am, Gent'n,
DA. BEVERIDGE.

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## ESCAPE OF COL. KIRKLAND, A BRITISH PRISONER.

John Walker, being sworn to give evidence to such facts as he may be interrogated upon:

What do you know concerning the escape of Col. Kirkland from the Goal of this Ctiy?

Arthur Thomas, his two sons, & Mr. Hales, furnished Kirkland with a rope Ladder with two hooks, by which he got over the Wall, and was by them conveyed to an old Widow Woman's house, and was there furnished with horses. Set out for a tavern near Salem, but the tavern keeper was taken up (the day before Kirkland got there) for concealing an English soldier.

Kirkland, being afraid of being taken up if he entered there, was going to another house, and lost his guide, by which means he remained on a beach two days.

One of the Three sons of Thomas, & another man, were hunting of him of the whole time. They had a watch word. When one of them found him, Kirkland drew his knife, but, upon the word being given, they went together to another house, where he slipt into a Closet upon any person coming in. Here he tarried a week or ten days, waiting an opportunity of getting on board a man-of-War, which then lay at the Capes. They went out once in a boat, but returned again, as he found the man-of-War was gone too far off. He is not certain how he got on board, and is not certain.

Where do you live?

At Mr. Hales's; Thomas's two sons were at Mr. Hales's every day; Mr. Thomas's sons are now gone to Long Island, and had two of Mr. Hales's Horses; Mr. Hales always supplied Thomas's Horses.

Mr. Hales ordered the Deponent to fill a new pair of saddlebags with oats, and Mr. Hales put a bottle, which he took to be a bottle of brandy, or spirits of some kind; Thomas's Son took the horse from Mr. Hales; on eight days after Kirkland made his escape, and, as he understood from the House keeper, took the horse to the old womans, where Kirkland was, and that he heard Thomas's son talking together on the subject.

The saddle Bags were bought for Capt. Bouger, who refused to go off because he would not forfeit his word of Honor, altho' a horse was sent him for the purpose; this the house keeper told him, and he knows that they were frequently at Germantown till twelve or one o'clock at night with Bouger, as he supposes.

Mr. Thomas's Eldest apprentice took away the Horse (mentioned to be furnished for Kirkland.)

What is the House Keeper's name?

Mrs. Ashe; Mrs. Ashe knew all the affair entirely.

A Jew who lives next to A. Thomas's heard Arthur Thomas, Jun'r, tell how he had assisted Kirkland in his escape, and

particularly concerning his behaviour on his being found on the beach when he drew his knife.

He heard Thomas say that Kirkland went 40 miles the first night.

A messenger from Thomas's Sons comes to Hales's once or twice a fortnight and is now in town.

On the thirty-first day of July, 1775, Before the Council of Safety of the State of Pennsylvania, came John Walker, of the City of Philadelphia, and being sworn by the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose and say, That about six or eight days after the Time of Colo. Kirkland's escape from the Goal, Mr. John Hale ordered this deponent to fill a pair of new Saddle Baggs with oats, and Mr. John Hale himself put into the Saddle Baggs a Bottle, which this deponent apprehended to be a Bottle of Brandy, or other Spirits, and put a cloth over it; That the saddle Bags thus filled was put on a horse belonging to John Hale, and the horse delivered to a son of Arthur Thomas, and the horse was taken away (in the evening about 4 or 5 o'clock) by Mr. Thomas's oldest apprentice; That some time afterward, this deponent heard Arthur Thomas, Jun'r, say that he had assisted Colo. Kirkland in his escape; And, also, that this deponent did hear the said Arthur Thomas, Jun'r, say to Mr. John Hale that Colo. Kirkland rode the first night after his escape forty miles, to the house of a man in New Jersey, who (Mr. Thomas said) had been taken up the day before for having entertained a soldier at his house; that Mr. Kirkland made his escape thro' some surprise out of a window; that Mr. Kirkland was lost for several days, and when he was found he did not know the person who found him, and drew his knife, charging him to keep off; but that on his giving the Watch Word Kirkland went with him; that Colo. Kirkland had attempted to go on board the Man-of-War by means of a boat, but that the man-of-War was gone too far off, and the boat was obliged to return; That he also heard the said Arthur Thomas tell Mr. Hales that Capt. Bouger refused to break his word of honor which he had pledged for the liberty he enjoyed; that the s'd Thomas damned him for talking of honor to or among Thieves & rogues; and that the said Arthur Thomas said to Mr. Hales that it was not the thing for him (meaning Capt. Bouger) not to go off, after the trouble they had taken to send him a horse; That Mrs. Ashe told this deponent that she had heard one of the Thomas's say to Mr. Hales, that he (Mr. Thomas) had furnished Colo. Kirkland with a Rope for

the purpose of making his escape from Gaol; That this deponent understood the horse above mentioned was intended for the use of Colo. Kirkland, to facilitate his escape.

And further this deponent saith not.

his
JOHN × WALKER.
mark.

Sworn before the Council of Safety.

DAV'D RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

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In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, July 31st, 1776.

Mrs. Martha Ashe being brought before the Council, The chairman informed her that information had been laid before this board that had given this board reason to believe she was acquainted with some circumstances of Co'l Kirkland's escape. She replied she knew nothing of it. She had heard of his escape. Q. Do you know Arthur Thomas? A. Yes. Mr. Thomas came very often, perhaps six or seven times. Mr. Hales owed him money. The younger son, (John,) came very frequently. She had heard that the Thomas's were Suspected of helping the Colo. off.

Mr. Hales had let one of the Thomas's have a horse which she heard it talked of, was used in conveying Colo. Kirkland off. She heard one of the Thomas's say as much. This was after the time of Kirkland's escape, some days. She knew but little of the matter, any of the boys of the stable knows as much of the matter as she did. She only heard a word drop now and then as she passed about her business which was very pressing on her. She heard John Thomas say, that he tho't Colo. Kirkland was gone into the Jerseys, in order to get on board the Man-of-War. The horse which Thomas had, and which it is supposed as furnished for Kirkland, was taken away in the evening. Saddle bags went with the horse, and when the bags was bro't back, they were put on the table and she observed there had been oats in them and some biscuit. The horse was gone several days.

She is not certain whether it was John Thomas or his brother had the horse.

All the Thomas's very still sort of people, They never staid very late at Mr. Hales's, only on the night in which Thomas's

house was pulled down, and then not all night. She understood that the Thomas's were gone to New York or to Long Island, but did not certainly know which. She was much engaged and if anything has been concerted at Mr. Hales's, she had no opportunity from her situation of knowing it. She seldom went to bed 'til 12 o'clock.

She had heard Thomas say that Kirkland was gone into the Jersey to go on board the Man-of-War.

She had heard it surmised by some of the people that the horse was for the use of Mr. Kirkland. She had heard it said by some of the people that the horse was for Kirkland and asked Mr. Hale if the party had been out for Mr. Kirkland's use; he said that he did not know but he might, but she afterwards said that Mr. Hales said he did not know.

The Thomas's had frequented Mr. Hales's for a twelve months past, ever since he built the new stables. But she understood they came for money. She once heard Mr. Hales offer to pay him his money to which Thomas replied he might let it be til he could pay him in hard money.

She does really think the horse was for Kirkland's use, but does not really know it.

She heard Jno. Thomas say he fancied (he, Kirkland,) was concealed somewhere in or about the city. (Mr. Hales was present when Thomas said this, and some other persons whom she don't recollect.)

Don't know of any persons likely to be concerned with Thomas in Kirkland's escape.

The boy who brought back the horse, seemed unwilling to say where he had been; he seemed unwilling to give an answer.

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To the Honourable the Council of Safety:

In full Relyance on the Justice, Lenity and goodness of Every Humane Heart, a member of this board, & Concious of my own Innocence, I humbly beg leave to Lay the Literal and True Cause of the State of my Confinement in Wrighting before this honorable board, for the following Reasons. In the first place, as it will Take less Time to Read this and of Course less Trouble than to hear me. In the next place To Sho that were my sentiments such as were Treaterous to the State, the Reverse of which has been Veryfide in my conduct, the truth of which all the Gentlemen who know me can Tell. It would be Inconsistent not only with my Interest, but also

with the small share of Sence I am possessed of; Nor did I ever directly or Indirectly, Aide or assist, in any wise, to the escape of the Sd. Kirkland, willingly, wantingly or knowingly; but, on the Contrary, openly, in the presence of one or both of my accusers let my horse to either of the Thomas's, the which I should never have done had I conived with Sd. Thomas in the Escape of Kirkland. The Reverse is Clear. Revenge & Interest in my Servants, Namely, John Walker, a bound Serv't, and Martha Ashe, a hired woman, my housekeeper, are the motives that Induc'd them to make this Charge against me. The reason is plain; having Discovered an Intreigue between these two thro' the Notice of som of the Rest of my family, who observed her at Different times giving him money, geting him his breakfast of Tea before I was up in the morn, Taking him in to Dinner into my Room, whenever my business called me from home, And many Indelicate freedoms & liberties besides, to Teadious to mention, for the truth of which, and my very opposite principals to the Enemies of the State, I most Humbly Referr this board to the Rest of my family and the Neighbourhood I Live in, &c. Not Satisfied with all this, her Next step is, she Takes a Silver watch I had in my Drawer, gives it him to ware. This, with Every other favour She had Done, soon made him forget his duty to me, upon which I Tooke the watch from him. He Immediately Tells me he would serve me no longer, he could pay me for his Time Directly. She Immediately buys him another watch, upon which I made an Enquire. He Descovers the Storm a Coming, Sells his watch, hires a horse and Chear, Setts of, Runs me to the Expence of £3 for advertisements, horse and Chear hire, &c. For the Truth of this asertion please to Referr To Michale Caner, Coach maker in 3rd Street, who followed him, Brings him back, the Mayor Comitts him to the workhouse. I soon took pitty and brought him home. She soon Re-assumes her former Intimacy, buy him an other watch. I Naturally obreads her with Lavishing my money, the which she would Never give me anny acc't of. This keeps the flame of Revenge a burning in their breast, the which they have alternetly Told me, saying they would soon work my Ruin. Upon Refusing to settle with her and Dispose of his Time they both formed this horrid scheme. I humbly submitt those sircumstances to the Consideration of this Honourable board and wishes to rise in their Esteem an honest Citizen and a worthy member of society, Humbly hoping they will please to Consider the Distressed situation of my business, family and my own health, Each of which

must suffer and End in the Total Ruin of both, if Not Speedily Released; and as in duty bound will forever pray.

JOHN HALES.

Monday August the 5, 1776.

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In Council of Safety,
August 8th, 1776.

John Hales's Examination.

That Arthur Thomas, Jr., told Hales That he helped Kirkland over the Jail Wall by a Rope ladder, and had conducted Kirkland to an Old woman's House near the Barracks; that Kirkland staid at that House some Days. That Hales has reason to believe, from the discourse between him and the said Arthur, That Kirkland made his escape from the said Woman's House by one of Hales's Horses, which had been hired by one of the Thomas's from Hales's House-Keeper; denies entirely of being privey to Kirkland's Escape before the return of the Horse. At the return of the Horse Arthur Thomas told Hales that Kirkland had rode him to a House (unknown to Hales) a few Miles from Morris River, in the Jersey. That Kirkland made from that House into the woods, being surprised by some Body's coming there which he apprehended were come for him: That the Man at whose House Kirkland was, was to take Kirkland to the Man-of-War by a Boat; That from the whole Tenor of the discourse between Hales and Arthur Thomas, Hales believes That the whole Thomas's Family were concerned in Kirkland's escape, but more particularly Arthur Thomas, the Son.

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## THOS. SLATER TO THE COMMITTEE.

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Philada, New Goal, July 2nd, 1776.

To the Hon'll Committee of Safety:

Gentlemen:—I am sorry to Trouble so often, but for fear of Misscarried, for I never Receiv'd anny answer from your Hon'rs. If agreeable, My Request is that I should Bee glad to receive the Money that is allow'd for me, as Mr. Woods sends provisions for too days at once, and the Bread is Mouldy

sometimes & the Meat Teanted before Eaten. The weather so Warm and Cooking all in one room where there is nine persons Confin'd, which, for my part, I must Confess, without Enlargement I cannot say what will be the consequents, for I have not been well this ten days past. And, may it please your Hon'rs to give me Inlargement or Mooved into some other rooms, as There is four & five in them, and hoping it would be of Means of Enjoying my health more better, and as I wrote to your Hon'rs, I never received anny Bed or Bed close from Capt. Alexander, nor yet but few cloathes, and having not money to purchase, It goes verry hard in Lying on a rug. May it please your Hon'rs to permit me to go out Goale on the same conditions that Sanders, one of the Souldiers, did. I should be verrey Glad, and as for absconding or assisting anny of his Majeste's forces, I will not, you may Depend, upon oath, as I expect I shall not bee Exchanged, if any such Exchange should be, for I never was on there Books to my knowledge, nor asked to enter into there service, which, I must confess, that if the time was to bee recalled I would endeavor to get into Chrestan Creek, let the Consequents be what it would, but I Expect, if Cought, to have had no Mercy, as having had some of the men-of-war Goods on Bord. Gentlemen, I hope you'l Excuse my Long Petition.

From your Humbl. Serv't,

THOS. SLATER.

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## MEMORIAL OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS OF PHILAD'A.

To the hon'ble the Committee of Safety of the province of Pennsylvania:

The Memorial of the Board of Officers of city of Philadelphia, &c., respectfully sheweth:

That application hath been made to the Board of officers by the Committee of Inspection and observation of this City, for the establishing of a patrole of Associators, and this Board apprehending that it is expedient to establish such a patrole, for the safeguard and peace of the city, beg leave to recommend it to your immediate consideration.

Your memorialists having observed that the officers, now

prisoners among us, and in the neighbouring province, frequently appear without their uniform, mixing with all ranks of people, without any mark of distinction whereby they can be known, are become dangerous spies among us, and the difficulties of an escape are greatly lessened, and the minds of the good people of this city are greatly disquieted; Therefore recommend to the Committee of Safety to take such measures as in their judgment may remove the dangers and quiet the minds of our fellow citizens herein.

Signed by order of the Board.

T. Y. MATLACK, Col'l R. B.
JNO. BAYARD, Lieut. Col'l 2d B.
CLEMENT BIDDLE, Lieut. 1st B.

July 3d, 1776.

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## COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO COL. MATHIAS SLOUGH.

Philad'a, 6th July, 1776.

Sir:—If being found expedient to order the troops of this Province to march immediately into Jersey, the Committee are exceedingly surprised and distressed to find that they are not in a Condition to proceed, for want of the necessary Cloathing and accoutrements which you was to furnish. We enclose you a Copy of Col. Attlee's return, made to this Board, and expect you will immediately take the most effectual method to supply all the deficiencies (in your Power) for that and Col. Miles's Battalion; and that you acquaint this Board by Express what you have already, and when the same will be here, and also what particulars you cannot provide in time, that we may take measures to obtain the same. We doubt not you will pay the strictest attention to this important Serviece, and must observe to you that the furthest time that can be allowed for your sending down the Necessaries, will be Thursday next, as the Exigency of affairs will not admit of further delay.

## QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S RETURN OF NECESSARIES WANTING FOR THE TROOPS.

Philad'a, 9th July, 1776.

Return of Sundries wanted for the use of the Troops order'd to rendezvous at Trenton, of which the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania are requested to furnish such as they have now already:

100 Spades.
100 picks.
50 Hand Barrows.
50 Wheel Barrows.
100 Hatchets.
100 Saws.
100 pitching axes.

For the use of the Camp until more entrenching tools are provided.

The associators are also in want of as many Tents with Poles & Pins as can be procured.

Do. Haversacks or Knapsacks.
Do. Camp Kettles.
Do. Canteens.
And they desire the Pikes may be sent.

All these can be distributed to the Troops at Trenton with more regularity than here, & they cannot suffer without in passing to that place by water.

CLEMENT BIDDLE, D. Q. M. G.

## EXAMINATION RELATIVE TO TORIES.

Philad'a, July 11, 1776.

The Examination of Isaac Atwood, Comb maker, who has resided in this City since the year 1773. He is an Englishman.

I became acquainted with Dr. Kearsley soon after my arrival, and was frequently asked by him to attend their meetings. The Design of them, he said, was that all Englishmen should

associate together. Our first meeting was at the Widow Balls. We wished and drank success to the British arms. I saw a Paper in his Hand, with a number of names signed at it, but I could not distinguish them. The substance of it was, that all Englishmen should combine together to join the British Forces when they should arrive; This was some Time in Spring, 1775.

I was in Gaol about three weeks before Kirkland made his escape. He said he could manage matters with Dewees, the Gaoler, if he had Friends in the City to facilitate his Escape. I told Capt. Bradford what had passed between us, and that Kirkland would soon get away. I desired Capt. Bradford to give me a Letter which would procure admittance, (for Dewees had refused it to me,) to Kirkland. He said he would, but did not give me one.

Their meetings are still held at the Widow Balls, where they have a private Room, into which they will admit no one. They also meet at Medcalf's. There are at some times fifty of them together. At their meetings they appoint the Time and Place of their subsequent Meetings. They sometimes meet now at Hales's and at the House of Johnson, the Coach Maker, and sometimes at Greigson's. I have met with them at all those places except Greigson's. It has been proposed at several Times that they should take up Arms; but it never has been resolved on. I believe the only Reason why they did not do it was that they had not Arms. They then thought they could get three thousand men within three Miles of the Court house. Their Expectations are not so high now, and I believe they will not attempt to rise now, unless assistance to them should appear or some accident happen to our Army. I believe they have no particular object immediately in view. I have had a number of Meetings lately with Alexander Bertram, who is very much against the Cause. He proposed making Collections for the Prisoners in Gaol for their support; and said he would introduce me to Dr. Smith, that we might fall upon some way to get the money to them with as much Secresy as posible. He has never introduced me as yet.

I have been several Times in Company with Bankson, the Lawyer. He told me he had been at New York, and three Days on Board the Asia. The Captain, he said, offered him a Lieutenancy. He Shewed him a Plan of the River Delaware, with the Chevre de Frizes; and said that the Prussian General would be made a Brigadier in two or three Days, which happened accordingly. He likewise gave him an Account

of the Battalions in this City and the names of the Officers better than he himself could have done.

The Principal Persons concerned are:

Philip Marchinton, in the light Horse, whom I heard say that he would never fight against the English. He did not attend the Meetings, but I know him to be opposite to the Cause.

Jones, the Tavern-keeper by the Dock. He is a principal Hand in these Meetings. I have often heard him say he would get on Board a Man-of-War and fight against us. He signed the association lately, and now is gone out with the Militia. He told me to-day that he was obliged to do it.

Hatton, the son of the Collector at Salem. He has sounded the Bay and River, and told me there were 10 Feet Water above the Chevre de Frizes. He has a Plan of the River; He left it some Time with one Griffiths, in Strawberry Alley.

Jones, Mr. Hare's Brewer. He has attended the Meetings, and is very violent against the Cause.

James Prescot is their Clerk. His Business is to call the Meeting together when any Intelligence arrives. He said he would join the Enemy immediately.

Capt. Hetherington, a half-pay Lieut. in the Navy, as he told me. He has lately joined the asociation, and is now a private man in Capt. Smithers's Company. I asked his Reason's for this. He said he had sufficient private ones; he is intimately acquainted with all the Expresses—Pleasington, Chew, Joseph Beck and another whom I don't know. I have heard Hetherington damn the Congress, and say he would fight against them.

Chew was worth nothing when he entered into the service, and I believe he is now worth £1,000. He generally brings up 20 and 30 Dollar Bills from Virginia. He took some Letters from young Hatton, in Jersey, to Hatton, his Uncle, in Virginia. If he should be apprehended on his return from Virginia, where he now is, I believe some thing would be found upon him. Expresses have come constantly from Virginia and Maryland to Capt. Hetherington, and has always gone out with Pleasington. He was absent, sometimes one Day, sometimes two, sometimes three. I have heard Chew say he wished 500 Men-of-War would come up.

Wilmore, Governor Eden's Chaplain, is one of the associates of Hetherington.

Capt. Smithers said lately he would give up his Company, and both he and Hetherington have said they would never fight against the English Troops. I have heard him say he

would sooner fight ag't the Cause than for it, or words to that Import.

About four months ago I gave Information of the meetings to Capt. Bradford, Mr. Deane, and three others whom I did not know. Greigson and Brummin knew, the same night, of my having given Information, and Greigson said I deserved to be shot for it. I have heard Brummin and Greigson drink Damnation to the Congress. Brummin is of the light Horse.

Johnson and Samuel Barrow are very active, and attended the meetings constantly.

Richards, the Shoe-maker in Front Street, attended the Meetings.

Reynolds, the Looking Glass maker, is quite against the Cause, but does not attend the Meetings.

Capt. Albertson will, I believe, endeavour to bring up the Men-of-War if they appear in the River. I have heard him say he would go down to them.

Bartram gets Intelligence very early. I have heard him communicate it the Evening before the Expresses arrived with it.

Tolley, Store Keeper in Front Street, is very busy against the Measures of the Continent, but does not attend the Meetings.

A Clerk of Jeremiah Warder is very busy, and attends the Meetings.

John Williams, an associator, will not fight; if he does it will be against us. I have heard him a thousand times say he would join the other Cause.

Town, the Printer, sometimes comes to the Meetings, but does not stay long.

Bell, the Auctioneer, I have understood, was of their way of thinking.

Charles Rock, Store-Keeper in 2d Street, between Market and Chestnut Street, has attended the Meetings. He was on Board a Man-of-War. I have often heard him wish for his old station.

Kitchen, and several others, Gamblers, who lodge at Stroud's in 5th Stret, near the Corner of Walnut Stret, are connected with those I have mentioned. They are just returned from New York and Long Island. Medcalf told me that those People were the most likely to be employed as Expresses.

John Shields, now moved to Mount holly, is a very violent Tory. He says the Congress and Committee will not let him

return to Philad'a, but it shall not be as they would have it. I have heard him several Times damn them.

Warmington, a Custom House officer, attends the Meetings. When the Roebuck came up the River, he told me there was now Salvation for us, and said that he and several others would be on Board the Roebuck that Evening.

Collins, formerly a Clerk in the Custom House, is one of Warmington's Associates.

Airey, attends the Meetings, and is very busy.

Binks, the Sadler, attends the Meetings.

John Fox and Wigfall, Cutlers, attend the Meetings, and are busy.

Wright attends the Meetings. There were writings kept in his House.

Lee, who is since gone to England, attended the Meeting. He was but fourteen Months in America, and was over all the Provinces.

Dr. Smith, Chovet, Jenkinson, Stedman the Lawyer, Wild and Lee used to meet at the House of Mrs. Worley, in 2d Street, as I was informed by her Servant.

Foxcraft, the Post-master, met several Times last Summer at Medcalf's; but I have not seen him these six Months.

Isaac Lost, lately become a Roman Catholic, told me that the Roman Catholics were generally against the American Cause.

There have been 70 or upwards at Medcalf's at a time.

If there are any papers belonging to the Meeting, they are kept by Prescot, or, at least, he knows where they are kept.

Jonathan Zane's Son is very violent, but does not attend the Meetings. I have heard him say he would lose the last Drop of his Blood before Independence should take Place.

Alexander Bartram told me last Week that he would sign the Association.

I do not know any Connexion between those People and the Conspirators at New York.

Richardson, who lodges at the Cross Keys, is against the present Measures. If there is any Connexion between those People and the Conspirators at New York, it must be through Richardson or Hetherington.

A Man named Ker, who was here the Week before last from Mount holly, said that a Paper to join the British army was signed by 40, and said it would be signed, as he expected, by 100 in that Township.

Robert Anderson, of Newton, Chester, told me that Capt.

Sample, tho' he commanded a Company, was against the present Measures.

Moses, a Jeweller, on the Dock, and four or five others that lodge with him, attend the Meetings. When they heard that General How was come to Rhode Island, they said they would go to him.

Hetherington, Wilmore and several others have brought up hard money, but I know not their Reasons; but I took them to be to deprive the Country of it.

John Burns, the Barber, knows all these People, and could if he pleased, be admitted to their Meetings.

I have seen many People at their Meetings, whose names I know not; but they seemed People of great Credit.

Dewees told Anthony Fortune, in my Hearing, that I might have an opportunity of talking with the Tories, provided I did not tell the Turnkey of it.

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## ORDER OF COUNCIL OF SAFETY, RELATIVE TO SIEZURE OF ARMS.

In Committee of Safety,
Philad'a, 12th July, 1776.

Whereas, the Assembly in one of their late sessions, did authorize and direct the Committees of Inspection and Observation to collect all the arms from non-associators within the Province, which there is great reason to believe has not in many places been executed with sufficient care and diligence; and, as there is a pressing and immediate necessity of arming all the associators in the Province, our Lives, our Fortunes and Liberties depending probably on the Efforts made this Campaign, the respective Committees of Inspection and Observation are reminded of this important part of their Duty and the Committee of Safety most earnestly recommend to them a vigorous Exertion and use all their powers to accomplish the Views and Intentions of the assembly in this Respect.

Extract from the minutes.

WM. GOVETT, Sect'y.

## MEMORIAL OF THE PAPER MAKERS OF PHILADELPHIA.

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania:

The Memorial of the Subscribers, being Paper Makers in the County of Philadelphia, on behalf of themselves and the Rest of the Paper makers, in that Neighborhood, humbly representing:

That when at this present time it is insisted on by the Officers and Privates in the Association, that every Man, from 16 to 50 years of age, shall join in the Troops now marching to the Camp out of the Province, Your Memorialists conceive they ought to submit to any Inconveniencies which on the Occasion are common to Men of all Trades and Occupations; But that at the same time it is their indispensable duty to mention to your Honorable Board, That if all the Paper Makers, Masters' Apprentices, and Journeymen within the Ages aforesaid, should now leave the Trade and follow the Camp, then all and every the Paper Mills in Philad'a County, making the Majority of Paper Mills on this Continent, must immediately be shut up, and, of course, in a few Weeks, the printing Offices, even Cartridge Paper, would soon fail. Leaving this Matter to the Wisdom of Your Honorable Board, Your Memorialists most humbly pray for Your Order & Direction in the Premises. And Your Memorialists, as in duty bound, &c.

HENRY KATZ,
FREDERICK BECKING.

## PERSONS APPOINTED TO SUPPLY THE FAMILIES OF ASSOCIATORS, 1776.

Philadelphia, July 31st, 1776.

Gentlemen:—Pursuant to Your Request this morning, we have Named as followeth three Gentlemen for each Battal. For your approbation.

1st Battalion.
Isaac Coats,
Wm. Moulder,
Jacob Shriner.
2d Battalion.
Moses Bartram,
Gasper Guyer,
Ephraim Bonham.
3d Battalion.
George Mead,
Rich'd Dennis,
Robert Bailey.
4th Battalion.
George Gream,
Fred. Dushon,
Peter Knight.
5th Battalion.
John Hart,
John Titamary,
Wm. Drury.

CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL, Chairman.

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## JOHN HALES TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

City Goal, Philadelphia,
Friday, August 2nd, 1776.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety,
the Humble petion of John Hales, greeting:

Gentlemen:—In Consequence of the Indulgence given me by this honorable board yesterday, of Longer Time to Recolect my self of Sircumstances Relative to my present Confinement, I take this opertunity of Transmitting to the board what has acurred to my memory, viz't: that I believe the three Thomas's may be herd of at Daniel Thomas's at the sixteen mile store, old York Road, or at Jacob Spencer's, Near T's; that he believes young hatton was to have assisted Kirkland in making his Escape to the men-of-War; that s'd hales is willing to in form the board of anny thing Elce he might Recolect whenever the board Might please to Call upon him; and Conscious of his own Innocence in this matter, Humbly Begs the board would Pitty the Distressed Sittuation of his business, family, Nain in Number, and self, and be pleased to admitt him to superintend his business, on undeniable bail for his forthcoming at anny Hour the board shall be pleased to Call upon him, at the Risque of his Life and property, both of which must suffer with the Total loss of both, If this Honorable board is not pleased to Enlarge their Humble petitioner, Who is in duty Ever bound to pray, &c.

JOHN HALES.

## ORDER FOR THE ARREST OF THE HATTONS.

In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia; August 2d, 1776.

Sir:—You are hereby directed to go to the Committee of Inspection of Salem County, In the State of New Jersey, and to apply to them for proper power & assistance to go in search of and take the Persons of John Hatton, son of John Hatton, Jun'r, and bring them before this council unless the Committee of Inspection should object to there being brought out of that state, in which case you are to leave them in the Custody of the said committee, they being charged with Treasonable Practice against the State of America; and you are further desired to use your best endeavors to seize Col. Kirkland, whom this board has reason to suspect is yet in Jersey, and in so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

THOS. WHARTON, jun., Pres't.

N. B. The more Secrecy you observe the more likely to effect your Purpose.

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## MR. PROUDFOOT TO OWEN BIDDLE.

Philadelphia, August 23d, 1776.

Sir:—Had I not flatter'd myself that I should have been able by this time to have waited upon you in Person, I certainly should have reply'd to your Letter of the 19th sooner; but as I find myself still in a situation unable to go abroad, at least for some little time longer, I cannot think of Deferring to write you, altho' I laid myself under no obligation (in the Parole granted to Dr. Bencil, a member of the Committee of Germantown, who presented me your letter) of waiting upon the Council of Safety of this City, before I was in a condition to go. This, I hope, will be in a day or two, and I doubt not I shall then be able to Clear up whatever may be laid to my charge, to the satisfaction of every Gentleman of that respectable Body of which you are a member.

I am, Sir,

Yours most hu'ble Ser't,

LAWRENCE PROUDFOOT.

At my Lodgings in Mrs. Sword's, Second Street.

## RETURN OF TROOPS QUARTERED IN AND NEAR THE CITY.

Philad'a, August 27th, 1776.

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| Colonel Thomas's Battalion remaining: | | |
| 2 Companys, Suppose, ..... | 66 men. | |
| Colonel Ferrus's Battalion: | | |
| John Widden, Capt'n, ..... | 45 | |
| Andrew Bare, Capt'n, ..... | 46 | |
| Colonel Peter Grubb's Battalion: | | |
| Capt'n Martins, ..... | 75 | |
| ——— Adams's, Capt'n, ..... | 56 | |
| John Johns, Capt'n, ..... | 55 | |
| Joshua Evans, Capt'n, ..... | 34 | |
| ——— Morgan, Capt'n, ..... | 50 | |
| | ——— | 427 |
| Colonel (name indistinct,) Battalion:* | | |
| John Hart, Capt'n, ..... | 41 | |
| Tho's Lewis, do. ..... | 24 | |
| Nich's Diehl, do. ..... | 38 | |
| Nath. Vernon, do. ..... | 27 | |
| John Crosby, do. ..... | 42 | |
| And'w Boon, do. ..... | 34 | |
| | ——— | 206 |
| Colo. Griffiths's Battalion* of Maryland: | | |
| ——— Burgess, Capt'n, ..... | 90 | |
| ——— Reynolds, do. ..... | .. | |
| ——— Hardmans, Capt'n, ..... | .. | |
| ——— Merony, do. ..... | .. | |
| ——— Campbell, do. ..... | .. | |
| ——— Mance, do. ..... | .. | |
| | ——— say, | 450 |
| Colonel Porter's Battalion:* | | |
| ——— Whitesides, Capt'n, ..... | 50 | |
| ——— Pattons, do. ..... | 40 | |
| ——— Marshall, do. ..... | 41 | |
| ——— Morrisson, do. ..... | 65 | |
| | ——— | 196 |
| ——— Campbell, Capt'n, ..... | 32 | |
| ——— Boyd, do. ..... | 37 | |
| | ——— | 69 |

*In the Barracks.

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| Colonel Armstrong's Battalion: | | |
| Conrad Schnyder, Capt'n, ..... | 56 | |
| ——— Culbertson, do. ..... | 60 | |
| | ——— | 116 |
| Colonel Thomas Ewing's Battalion: | | |
| ——— Possey, Capt'n, ..... | 90 | |
| ——— Young, do. ..... | 95 | |
| ——— Lowe, do. ..... | 90 | |
| | ——— | 275 |
| Colonel Tho's Potts's Battalion: | | |
| Nath'n Potts, Capt'n, ..... | 30 | |
| Ab. Brotzman, do. ..... | 30 | |
| ——— Bishop, do. ..... | 43 | |
| ——— Richard, do. ..... | 38 | |
| H. Dearing, do. ..... | 20 | |
| | ——— | 161 |
| Colonel James Bird: | | |
| James Cowden, Capt'n, ..... | 60 | |
| James Murray, do. ..... | 60 | |
| | ——— | 120 |
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| Colonel William Richardson's Maryland Battalion: | | |
| John Dean, Capt'n, ..... | | 90 |

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## LOAN BY CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA TO RAISE RECRUITS TO SERVE DURING THE WAR.

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September, 1776.

We, the subscribers, anxious to promote the public service and especially to recruit the line of this State with Soldiers to be raised during the War, do, in order to provide a Fund for that purpose, agree to lend to David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, the several sums of money annexed to our respective Names, to be repaid in the same species of money as advanced by us, with interest:

| | Hard Money. | State. | Continental. |
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| Joseph Reed, | £30 | | |
| Wm. Moore, | £100 | | |
| John Lacy, | | £10 0 0 | |
| Jacob Arndt, | | £10 1 0 | |
| John Hambright, | | £10 0 0 | |
| Joseph Gardner, | | £10 0 0 | |
| Thomas M'Kean, | | | £1,000 0 0 |
| John Armstrong, | | | £500 0 0 |
| F. A. Muhlenberg, | | £10 0 0 | |
| T. Matlack, | | £10 0 0 | |
| Jared Ingersoll, | £10 | | |
| Wm. Armstrong, | | £10 0 0 | |
| Jonath'n D. Sergeant, | £15 | | |
| John Moore, | £10 | | |
| John Miller, | | | £500 0 0 |
| John Heser, | | | £200 0 0 |
| Plunket Fleeson, | | | £500 0 0 |
| Joseph Penrose, | | | £1,000 0 0 |
| Henry Osborn, | | | £500 0 0 |
| John Imlay, | | £10 | |
| Geo. Glentworth, | | £19 | |
| John Fisher, | £4 | | |
| Joseph Dean, | | | £1,000 0 0 |
| Leonard Dessaux, | | | £300 0 0 |
| And'w & H. Hodge, | | £15 0 0 | |
| Matth. Clarkson, | | £20 0 0 | |

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## WILLIAM GOODRICH TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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Philadelphia Goal, 7th Sept'r, 1776.

Gentlemen of the Counsel of Safety:

I now beg leaf to inform you of my transactions while I was imployed in fetching in gunpowder for the use of the Collony of Virginia, and detained a prissinner under Lord Dunmore on that Account, Which is as follows, Viz:

Sometime in July, in the year of 1775, I was imployed by Mr. Thomas Newton, of Norfolk, to fetch in a quantity of gunpowder for the use of the collony of Virginia, and was in-

trusted with Bills of exchange on London to the amount of five thousand pounds Sterling, to purchase the same with. I proceeded to the West indies with all possible disspatch and disposed of the said bills of exchange, agreeable to my directions from Mr. Newton. Then I went to St. Eustatia, Martinico and Sundry other french Island, and purchased all the gunpowder I could find in those Islands, which did not exceed five thousand weight. And knowing at that time that the Collony of Virginia was laying in a defenceless state, I took the above quantity of gunpowder into a small sloop of mine, with a quantity of Oznabriges on my own Ac't, and proceeded with same to the head of paspotank river, in North Carolina, where I landed the powder and oznabriges all safe. From thence I was proceeding to Norfolk, in Virginia, over land, there to see Mr. Thomas Newton, the gentleman who imployed me to go on the powder expedition. On my way to Norfolk I was informed that the said Newton had moved from that and it would be onsafe for me to go there, as Lord Dunmore was a keeping a lookout and wanted to take me, owing to an information lodged against me to Lord Dunmore of my being gone out after gunpowder.

When I left the west indies I left the remainder part of the Cuntrie's money in the hands of Isaac Vandam, Merchant at St. Eustatia, with orders to lay the same out in gunpowder, and have the same ready at St. Eustatia on my return, a coppy of which I took with me. My receiving information that Dunmore Wanted to take me, maid me alter my corse and go to Portsmouth, Where I expected to have seen my family; but on my arrival There, I saw no one but Mr. Robert Shedden, who informed me that my Father's and my family was moved up to a Plantation of my Father's that was about twenty-five miles back in the Cuntry, and that I must leave the town emediately as Lord Dunmore was keeping the strictest lookout for you, which I did. I proceeded to my family. Mr. Shedden sent word to my Father & Brother to inform them of my safe arrival, Who were then down at the Capes, the one at the North cape and the other at the south Cape, keeping a lookout for me, and a small Schooner which they expected in, loaded with corse Linens. After staying one or two days with my family, I proceeded to Williamsburg, and on my way I met with Mr. Newton, who I inform'd of my proceeding, which gave him satisfaction, & he desired that I would proceed to Williamsburg and there give an account of my proceedings to Mr. R. C. Nicholus, who it allso gave Satisfaction to.

From Williamsburg I returned to my Father's plantation, where my Family was, and muved my Wife, that was then big with Child and looking to layin in the corse of a month or so, to Mrs. Brown's an old Midwifes, where I thought She might remain in Safety while I was gone for the remainder part of This gunpowder. As soon as I got her well settled there and provided her with necessaries of Life, I proceeded to my Father's plantation, on my way to St. Eustatia, but on my arrival there my Father wan't returned from the cape, who I wanted to see before I went to 'Statia, which induced me to stay there that night, and, unluckey for me, there came Eight men and an officer that night and took me a prissenner, about two o'clock in the morning, and Carryed me on board of the Otter Sloop-of-War.

On my Father's hearing of this misfortune of mine, he returned from the Cape, and took the directions I left with Mr. Vandam and went to the head of paspotank, where the small Vessel was laying that I brought in the powder and Oznabriges with, and was proceeding to St. Eustatia in order to take in hand the powder expedition, but onluckly got taiken at Ocrocock Bar, by two of the king's Croosers that was there, and brought a prissonner on board of the Otter, with all his papers, among which was a Coppy of Vandam's orders, which I left with him. Upon Lord Dunmore Examineing of this Coppy of Direction that I left with Mr. Vandam, he found that I had left a considerable sum of money belonging to the Colony of Virginia in the hands of Vandam, at St. Eustatia, to be laid out in gunpowder; upon which, his Lordship obliged me to go on board of an armed tender, and sent me to St. Eustatia, giveing of me possative orders to take that gunpowder, and what money that should not be laid out, and fetch the same to him.

When arrived at St. Eustatia, I informed Mr. Vandam of My misfortune, and told him that I was sent there by Lord Dunmore with such instructions, which I shewed to him, telling of him, at the same time, that we must fall upon some plan to keep Lord Dunmore from Geting of this money, as I did not think it was Just that he should have it, which Vandam readyly agred to, and the money is now laying in the hands of Mr. Vandam's Executors, as he has since departed this Life. Mr. Vandam had the powder ready, agreeable to my directions, which he sold afterwards to a New York Sloop that was laying in the rhoad.

On my return from St. Eustatia to Virginia, I waited on Lord Dunmore and Shode him a note from Mr. Vandam Promissing

to pay the sum of money I left in his hands, On his receiveing advice that the bills of exchange was duly Honoured, and not before, as he was an indorser on the bills which he had the money for, and did not think himself safe in delivering the money before then, which note Lord Dunmore took and was satisfyed with; and in about one week his Lordship granted me my perole to go and see my family where I staid three days and returned on board remaining a prissinnor, in which time Lord Dunmore sent for me several times desireing that I would Join government, which I refused to do, telling of his Lordship that I could not think of taking up arms against a country that was Acting in devence of there Liberties.

Now the people of the cuntry began to suspect that I had fotch in the cuntries' money to Lord Dunmore, which Occaisoned the Convention to stop the payment of a considerable sum of money due my brother & self for a quantity of corse linen sold them in October last. The people of the Cuntry grew so inragedd, that went to the house where my wife was, and when she had been but three Days delivered of a child, with a fixed resolution to burn the house over her head, which it was as much as some of my friends could do to keep them from. My Friends was obliged to send my wife of in a fortnight after she was delivered as she run a risque of her life while on shore.

After this I staid on board of a Vessel of my own for three months on my perole not to go on shore; after which Time Lord Dunmore sent for me and desireing that I would Take charge of one of the Tenders, which I still refused to do. This Occasion'd his Lordship to grow a little mad. "What," says he, "don't the ill treatment of those fellows on shore to Mrs. Goodrich lead you to resent it?" I replyed that I did not think it was right to resent the ill treatment of a few Invious men on the whole Cuntry, and that I could not take up armes against them with a clair Contience as long as they ware acting in defence of there Liberties. "But," says he, "you may depend upon it that they mean to Shake of their dependence on grate brittain?" Then I told his Lordship that if he would alow me to remain nuteral untill they did declare themselves free and independent of grate brittain, that I should then look upon myself to be in duty bound to take a part in favour of grate brittain, and would do avery thing in My power to appress the Americans in such a declaration. Upon which we parted, and I do declair upon my honour, Gentlemen, that I did not do nothing in favour of government but what I was obleged

to do before they Declared for Independence. Upon the declaration of Independence in Virginia, I told Lord Dunmore that I was then ready and willing to take a part in favor of grate brittain Agreeable to my promiss, provided that his Lordship would furnish me with a propper Vessel well man'd and arm'd, Which his Lordship agreed to do, and sent me to Bermudas in the armed sloop, the Lady susan, to purchase a Brigg that Would carry Eighteen guns. When at Bermudas, there was no such Vessel to be had, and on my return from Bermudas, I met with the misfortune of falling in with the brig Lexington, Capt. Berry, who took me and sent me here. This, gentlemen, I hope you will take to your Consedrations, and have me treated genteally, as a prissonner of war ought to be, and not like a thief or a Robber, as you have done by putting of me in Close confinement, and not alowing of me to speak to any person. I am, gentlemen, a constant and sinseer well-wisher to the piece and wellfair of America, while under the power & authority of Grate brittain.

WILLIAM GOODRICH.

N. B. I would be glad to obtain Liberty of riting to my pore Distressed family who are now in Bermudas, as I understand there is an opportunity.

W. GOODRICH.

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## THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO MR. DICKINSON.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, 23rd Sept., 1776.

Sir:—A certain Wm. Ross stands committed to the Goal of this City, in consequence of the enclosed Verdict of the Coroner's inquest. G. Ross, Esq., has applied to this Board, and prays to be permitted to show that he (Wm. Ross) has a right to be released on Bail. The Council consider this matter as of high importance on the Security of the State, and wish to act with prudence therein. Therefore, they request you to act as Consul for the State on this occasion, & give them your advice and assistance. If you will be so obliging as to comply with this request, the Council will appoint a time of hearing most convenient to you.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

To Jno. Dickinson, Esqr.

## CAPT. MATT HENDERSON TO MAJOR ISAAC HUGHES.

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Parth Amboy, 1st Oct'r, 1776.

Dr. Sir:—After a long Silence, In hops to Geather sumthing of moment to Communicate to you. But we still Remain hear wethout any Likely-hud of truble, further then hard duty. I supose you have heard of our Enamy Being Landed at Powle's Hook, and General Robertdoz is Intrenched on the Rise. Their was a council of war held their Last thirsday; Present the Commander in Chief, Generals Masser, Dickinson, Robertdoz, Ewing and Green. We are of opinion we Can Stop their making further Excurtion in the Contry. We are this day going in to the Baricks, where I supose we will Be Caged till our time is up. Colo. Moore is Joust Recovared of a sivear fit of the Gout. He is a good officer, But his Indisposition, together with Numbers of other Dificultys that has atended this sarves, has occeasined the Campain not so agreable. I no, Sir, you will not think it flatry from me, Your Resignation has Reily Been much Lemented Hear. As to my Part, my desiar to do my duty makes it Easey to me, who Comands. The only thing I Complean of is, the Pay is Near suficient for the officers. Nay it is scarse a maintenance for the time Being. I this Morning aplyed to my Companey to know who would Go with me into the standing army. I had all my officers four Sarj'ts, two Corpils, and 35 Privates; and as I have surmounted so many Dificultys in the flying Camp, means to Joyn the Standing army if apointed, Long as able if my Contry Calls me. We are Hear Intiarly out of the way of Nuse, nor do any of us know how the apointments is to Be mayed, whether officers of the flying Camp will have a refusil or Not. If the apointments is Going on in Philadelphia I would request of you, sir, to Mentian me. I am willing to sarve in any apointment Not Lower then I am. I am hear in Quit as much notis as I Could exspect, Reason of our Lievetenant Colo. Being on furlo, and ye major sick for Sum time. I would Be very Glad, Sir, you write me soon as Convenent, and let me know your opinions of the apointm't to be mayed, if the Regilations is not out Be-

fore this Comes to hand. My Comply'ts to Mrs. Hughs, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Weed & familys.

I am, Sir.

With Much Esteem, Yours to Command,

MATT. HENDERSON.

P. S. Seeing By the News Peapers that you are able to Be Sarvesable, is the Caus of my Not Inquiaring for your Helth.

Indorsed:

Major Isaac Hughes, Walnut grove, to the care of Capt. Weed, Inspector, Philadelphia.

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## JOHN MITCHELL TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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Philad'a, 4th October, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I am extreamly sorry to be obliged to intrude on your time, nor shou'd any slight occasion induce me to trouble you, but hope you wil consider the present application of sufficient Importance to merit your serious consideration, and doubt not your giving it due weight, and hope you will consider it as an apoligy for this trouble.

On examining the expences attending the furnishing the Fleet & Troops of this State with Rations, I find the expense very far exceeds the sum mentioned by your honorable board, and accorded to by me. This is owing to several causes, the first of which arose from a mistake in the calculation the day I had the honor to present my Letter to your board, (having only calculated a pound of Beef per day, whereas, it is near one & a half pounds.) My being immediately ordered on Publick service prevented my shewing this error long ere this time. The second cause arises from the great advance of Rum, & the third from the rise of Flour & Bread.

I most earnestly request your honorable Board will consider the very great hardship it wou'd be for an individual to suffer so very great loss as I must do, were I to serve the Fleet, &c., at 11d. per ration. I have faithfully annexed an exact account of the expences of one man per week & per ration, exclusive of store hire, &c., which I beg leave to submit to your attention & consideration.

I am perfectly satisfied to do the business on very reasonable terms, either to have ¼ per Ration, clear, or 5 per ct. on the

amount, in lieu of store rent, Clerk hire, &c., or to act in any manner that may appear Just and reasonable.

When Mr. Carpenter Wharton was in nearly the same situation, the Hon. the Continental Congress thought proper to relieve him, and allowed him what they thought reasonable for his time and Trouble.

I beg I may not be considered as acting any way inconsistent, or from a desire of making Trouble to your hon. Board, but realy my situation in life will not admit of so great a loss, and therefore pray you may give me such relief as may appear reasonable. I hope the board will consider me as one who is warmly attached to this Country, w'ch I consider as my native one, and as the cause we are imbarked in is the most Glorious & most esential any nation ever were engaged in, I have and will, on all occasions, contribute everything in my power to promote a happy and perminant Issue to it.

I shall be happy to give the board any further information in my power, and request they will favour me with an answer as soon as their time will permit.

I am, with respect,
Gentlemen,
Your most obed't hum'le Serv't,
JNO. MITCHELL.

Expences of one man per week per Ration:

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| 10 pound Beef, at 36 per cwt., ..... | £0 | 3 | 7¼ |
| 7 half pints Rum, at 7s. 6d. per Gall., ..... | 0 | 3 | 3⅜ |
| 7 pounds Bread, at 12s. 6d. per ct., & if 6 pounds flour, is still more, ..... | 0 | 0 | 10½ |
| Sixpence in value in vegitables, ..... | | | 6 |
| | £0 | 8 | 3 |

per week, or very near 14⅛ per Ration.

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## COL. HALLER TO PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

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Camp at Lelancey's Mills,
Near King's Bridge, October 4th, 1776.

Honoured Sir:—As the Honourable Congress have resolved that the different States are to raise an Additional Quoto of

Standing Troops to serve during the War, the Officers of which to be nominated and Appointed by each State for their Quoto, Upon Publication thereof, I Beg leave to Offer my endeavours of Raising and Commanding a Regiment on that Service.

Were I at Liberty, I would discharge the duty I owe your Honourable Body, to be Personally present in making this Application; But as the service upon which I was Called here will not admit of my absence, you will, I make no doubt, Accept this application as a Formal One.

And I do also Crave to be indulged, if it may be deemed proper, (in me,) to Recommend to your further Consideration the Worthy Gentlemen of my Regiment who Unfortunately wer made Prisoners of War in the late Engagement on Long Island, Viz: Lieut. Colonel Nicholas Lutz, Major Edward Burd, Captains Joseph Heister, Jacob Crowle & Jacob Mauser & Lieut. Stephen Baldy.

Should I, in your Judgment, be that person in whom you Could Repose that special trust and Confidence, you may Assure yourself that I shall, at all times, make it my Constant Study to act on all Occasions Agreeable to the Rules and Orders of the Army.

I have had the Honour to be favoured with Recommendations on the like Occasion to a former Committee of Safety, some of the Gentlemen in your Body may perhaps know it.

I am, with the greatest respect,

Sir, your very Humble Serv't,

HENRY HALLER.

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## ORDER FOR THE ARREST OF SAMUEL BILES.

In Council of Safety,

Oct. 4th, 1776.

You are hereby directed to proceed to the Dwelling House of Samuel Biles, late Sheriff of Bucks County, & take the Body of the Said Samuel Biles into your Custody & bring him forthwith before this Board, to answer his Conduct; and all Justices of the Peace and Military Officers in said County are hereby enjoined & required to assist you in the Execution of this Warrant, if requested.

By Order of the Council,

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres.

To Mr. Alex'r Boyle, Deputy Serjant-at-arms.

## COUNCIL TO COL. MATTHIAS SLOUGH.

In Council of Safety,
Oct'r 5th, 1776.

Sir:—The Council of Safety find it necessary that all the Cloathing which you have provided for the Troops of this State by direction of the late Assembly, should be sent to this City immediately, whether they are finished or not; and if you have contracted for or procured any woolens on the same account, you are likewise directed to send them that the necessities of the Troops may be supplied against the rigour of the approaching Season.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

## FROM GEN. JAMES POTTER AND OTHERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

Delancy's Mills, Near West Chester,
October 9th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—This place, which is the Quarters of Col. Hand's Battalion, and of about 700 of our Pennsylv'a Flying Camp, we arrived at last evening, after several days stay with Col. Magaw's and Col. Shee's Battalion, at Head Quarters, on York Island. We have particularly addressed ourselves to the capital Object of our Commission, that of the Inlistment during the War, and on that head have the satisfaction to Inform you that we believe that Col. Hand's whole Battalion, Officers and men, will serve on the new Terms; that much the greater part, if not the whole, of Magaw's will do the same; and that very many, tho' we can't ascertain the number, of Col. Shee's, will willingly continue. In general, we observe that where the officers, particularly the Commanding ones, have resolved to continue in the service, that there also appears among the privates greater alacrity.

With respect to Cloathing, Col. Hand's & Col. Magaw's are not, all things considered, ill provided, some Blankets & other

coarse woolens they do now indeed want; But they have sent to Philad'a to purchase them, & many of them, we are well assured by the Col., are now ready to be sent them. Col. Shee's is in more want of those necessary articles.

There are great numbers of sick in every one of the three Battalions, but ye Proportion in Col. Shee's is much the largest, being ab't 200, ye others not half that Number. And here, Gentlemen, tho' we would not willingly shock your Humanity, yet we must beg leave to inform you that ye 200 sick men of Shee's are now lying in a Barn & other Outhouses without even straw —many on the bare earth without Boards, and many without Blankets, & no conveniency of making Fires; added to this, the Surgeons have not medicines to give them, nor can they obtain them on ye most earnest Representations to the Director General. What is still more Vexatious is that the men are not ill of any dangerous or fatal Diseases, but of such as would probably yield even to good nursing. These things we thought proper to mention to ye Adjutant General yesterday, when we left Head Quarters.

Finding the Readiness of our men to Inlist, that we might take them in the Humour, we applied to the General for Recruiting orders, which, after sending for ye Paymaster to know what money was in his hands to answer the Bounty, were promised should be this day expedited for the Pennsylvania Troops. Col. Hand has no doubt of raising his full Compliment, with the assistance of the Flying Camp now with him, imediately; But from what we were told by Gen'l Ewing, that he would not let any of the Flying Camp inlist for the war till their Times were expired, we are apprehensive that some obstacle may be thrown in the way. We submit to you whether it would not be proper to write to Gen. Ewing on that Head; For surely it can't admit of a moment's Hesitation, that a Soldier Serves his Country at least as effectually when Inlisted for the War as when for a month or two only.

'Tis now ab't 7 o'clock, and we propose to set off in an hour or two for Albany, on horse back. Our delays, yesterday, at Head Quarters were the Reasons why we lost Passage by water.

We are, Gentlemen, Your most
Obedient & most h'ble Servants,
JAS. POTTER,
WM. CLARK,
JOHN MORRIS, Jun'r.

P. S. As we have set the Inlistment on foot, and directed the

Colo. to prepare us answers to some other of the Objects of our Inquiries, We shall Call here again upon our Return from Ticonderoga, & hope to have the pleasure of bringing with us satisfactory accounts.

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Kingsbridge, 10 o'clock, Oct. 9th, 1776.

While I was taking a Copy of the above, ab't 8 or 9 o'clock, there began a most heavy & severe firing of Cannon, as nearly as we could Judge, at Head Quarters; this put a stop to any more writing. We mounted directly, and Came here time enough to see 3 or 4 of the last Tenders to 3 Frigates pass by us up the W't River.

The Firing was occasioned by their passing, but no Damage done on either side. We stopt at K's Bridge to Close this Letter.

The Hon'ble the Council of Safety of Pennsylv'a.

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## THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO THE JUSTICES OF CHESTER.

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In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia, Oct'r 9th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—You are hereby required to appear before this Council at Ten o'clock on Saturday morning, then and there to answer for your conduct in holding an Election on Tuesday the first Instant, at the Burrough of Chester, apparently with a view of supporting the late Government of the King of Great Britain, in direct Violation of the resolves of Congress and of the late Convention of this State.

By order of the Council.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

## JOHN IRELAND TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

New Prison, 13th October, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I am given to understand that you desire to be inform'd how I subsist. I trust I need only answer that I was bred a Clock & Watch movement-maker, and Finisher, which business I have followed ever since I arrived in this City, which was in October, 1773. Exclusive of what I brought with me, & since made, I imported in the Kitty & Peggy, Capt'n Copper, a considerable quantity of Watches, Shoes, Books, &c. I have received of Messrs. Clifford & Sons, & Messrs. Harman & Lewis since the above time £115 Sterling. I shall not trouble you with anything relative to my Character & Conduct, not doubting but you'll indulge me with an opportunity of clearing myself, which favour shall be gratefully acknowledg'd, by

Y'r M'st H'ble S'rt,

JNO. IRELAND.

## THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO THE COMMITTEE OF ALLENTOWN.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, October 14th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—The Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania have taken the Liberty to request you to afford Capt. Boyd such assistance with your advice or otherways as the business he goes upon may require, the nature of w'ch he will communicate to you at large.

From your known attachment to the cause of America, we are induced to trouble you with this request, as we are well assured of your readiness to render any essential service to your Country.

By order of the Council.

I am Y'rs, &c.,

TY. MATLACK, Sec'y.

To Messrs. James Serls,
Samuel Breese,
Isaac Rodgers, Esq., Allen Town.

P. S. Mr. Boyd is requested to call upon Colo. Jno. Coxe, at Burlington, who will inform him of the Names of gentlemen at or near Shrewsbury to apply to for advice & assistance.

## ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY, 1776.

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The Honorable Council of Safety,

To Sachev'l Wood, Dr.

Sence our last Settlement on the seventh of June, 1776:

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| June 8. | To 4 pound of Candles for the Council at 10d., | £0 | 3 | 4 |
| 15. | To 6 pound of Dito for the Gard at the State house, | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 18. | To a Cord of wood for the Said Guard, &c., | 0 | 18 | 2 |
| 19. | To Sundrys takin to Billingsport at the time the Gentlemen went with the first french Indianear: | | | |
| | 12 Bottles of porter, 15s.; six do. of Cyder, 6s., | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | 5 Quarts of Spirits, | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | 1 Gamon w'd 15 pound at 9d., | 0 | 11 | 3 |
| | 6 Bottles of Wine, | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| | 12 pounds of beef at 9d., 9s.; one pound of butter, 1s. 3d., | 0 | 10 | 3 |
| | 6 Loaves of Bread, 2s.; musterd, pepper, &c., 1s. 6d., | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| | 4 pound of Shugar at 2s. 6d., 10s.; a quarter & a half of limes at 25s., | 0 | 19 | 4½ |
| | 3 bottles lost and a small Jugg, | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | To a Delf nip bole broake 0s. 8d.; half a bushel of Clams, | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| | Cash paid a man for tending ye Council in my Stid by order, | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | Portage to the wharf & back , | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| July 28. | To sundrys taken to Billingsport: | | | |
| | 1 Round of beef, wd. 20 pound at 6s., | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | 1 Gamon, w'd 16 pound at 9s., | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| | 1 Legg of mutton, w'd 7 pound at 0s. 6d., | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| | 12 Loaves of bread, | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | 7 pound of Biskit, | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| | 1 lb of Butter, 1s. 4d.; Curkimbers, pepper, &c., 1s. 6d., | 0 | 2 | 10 |

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| July 28. | To 2 Dozen of porter 30s.; one Dozen of Cyder, 12s., | £2 | 2 | 0 |
| | 6 Bottles of wine, 33s,; 4 pound of shugar 10s., | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| | 5 quarts of Spirits, 15s.; a Quarter of limes, 7s. 6d., | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| | Portage, | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | To sundrys Carre'd Down the River the time the Honorable Convention went Down to Billingsport: | | | |
| | Shugar, | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| | Hamms, | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| | Porter, | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| | Wine, | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sperits, | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| | Cyder, | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| | Fowles, | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| | Bread & bisket, | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| | Mutton, | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| | 1 Chees, Cost, | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | Limes, Cost, | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| | Butter & Vegetables, | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | Broake & lost 4 pint mugs, 5s.; 9 wine glasses, 13s., | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| | 77 Bottles at 6d., 38s. 6d.; one pepper box, 1s., | 1 | 19 | 6 |
| | To Cash paid a woman for washing ye Council Roome, | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Cooking, &c., for the above, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Victualing 4 negroes under Gard at the State house 2 days, | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Sept'r 8. | To Cash paid Jane Stinsin for a Soldear's sick wife, by order, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | To Deto, the second time by order, | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| 11. | To Cash paid John Willson for puting up advertisements, | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| | To 6 pound of Candles for ye Council Roome, | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | To Cash paid Geo. Spangler for going Express to Germintown, | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| | To Cash paid Robert Bradley that had a pass to Baltimore, | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | To sundrys had to Go to Billingsport: | | | |
| | To a Gammon, w'd 18 pound, @ 10d., | 0 | 15 | 0 |

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| Sept. 11. | 1 Quarter of Kidd, 3s. 9d.; one do. of Mutton, 4s. 4d., | £0 | 8 | 1 |
| | Butter, 1s. 6d.; two tungs, 3s. 9d.; Cheese, 4s.; bread & bisket, 7s. 6d., | 0 | 16 | 9 |
| | 4½ pound of Shugar, at 3s. 6d., | 0 | 15 | 9 |
| | 2 Gallons of Sperits, at 12s., | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| | Half a hundred of limes, | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | 4 Ducks, at 3s. 6d. Each peare, | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| | 6 fowles at 1s., | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | Beef, 17s. 3d.; musterd, pepper, &c., 4s. 6d., | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| | Wine, 45s.; Coffey & Milk, 1s. 6d., | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | 4 Doz. porter, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Cooking, &c., | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | Broke and lost, 20 bottles, 10s.; 1 towel, 1s. 6d., | 0 | 11 | 6 |
| 22. | To Sundries Carried to Billingsport: | | | |
| | To a Gammon, w'd, 18½ pound, at 10s., | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| | To 4 Ducks, 7s.; & 7 pound of beef, at 6d., | 0 | 10 | 7 |
| | 2½ Gallons of Sperit, at 12s., | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | 6 fowles, 6s.; 1 tung, 2s.; Milk, 1s., | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| | To 3 dozen of porter, | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| | 4 pound of Shugar, at 3s. 6d., | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| | 1 pound of butter, 1s. 8d.; 12 loves of bread, 4s., | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| | 4 pound of Biskit, 1s. 4d.; 4 pound of Chees, 3s. 4d., | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| | Curkimbers, pepper, &c., | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| | To Cooking, &c., | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 6 bottles broke & lost, | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 25. | To Sundrys had for Mr. B. Jones to Go down: | | | |
| | 1 Gammon, waid 16 pound, at 10½d., | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| | 23 pound of beef, at 5d., | 0 | 9 | 7 |
| | 1 pound of butter, 1s. 8d.; 6 fowles, 6s., | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| | Bread & biskit, 5s. 4d., | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| | 1 pound of butter, 1s. 8d.; Musterd, pepper, &c., | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| | 2 Dozen of porter, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | 2 Gallon of Sperit, 24s., | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| | 3 Quarts of Wine, | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| | 2 pound of Shugar, at 3s. 9d., | 0 | 7 | 6 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 25. | A quarter of limes, ..... | £0 | 2 | 6 |
| | Broake & lost, 5 bottles & a small Jugg, ..... | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | To Cooking, &c., ..... | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| 27. | To Sundrys taken to ye fort & billingsport the time the Commadore went: | | | |
| | Beef, 12s. 6d.; Mutton, 12s. 3d., ..... | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| | 2 tungs, 4s. 4d.; 4 pound of Chees, 3s. 4d., ..... | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| | 1½ pound of butter, ..... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | Bread & biskit, ..... | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| | 3 Gammons, w'd 50½ pounds, at 10½s., ..... | 2 | 4 | 2½ |
| | Musterd, pepper, &c., ..... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | 3 Quarters of limes, ..... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| | 4 Dozen of porter, ..... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | 2 Dozen of wine, ..... | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4 Gallons & 3 Quarts of Sperits, at 15s., ..... | 3 | 11 | 3 |
| | To 5 pound of shugar, ..... | | | |
| | Broke & lost, 40 bottles, 2 towel & a mug, ..... | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| | To Cooking, ..... | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | To Cash paid for a hundred wafer,.. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | To Dito for putting in seven pane of Glass, ..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Oct. 2. | Paid for 5 pound of Candles, at 1s. 3d., For the Gard at the State house, ..... | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| | To attending the Council from the last settlement tel this 14th instent, ..... | 28 | 15 | 0 |
| | | £146 | 9 | 1 |

Passed in Council of Safety, Oct'r 17th, 1776.

JNO. BAYARD, Chairman.

To John M. Nesbitt, Esq., Treasurer.

## TORY PRISONERS CONFINED IN PHILADELPHIA.

October 18th, 1776.

James Richards, of Philad'a.
Thomas Ireland, do.
James McConnigey, bad man.
James Prescott.
Joel Arpin.
Sent from the Jerseys:
Rodger Parke,
Henry Shaver,
Andrew Sheep,
Joseph Lowry,
Mich'l Simmons,
Jonas Parke,
Henry Smith,
William Coppinger,
George Chanler,
John Bell,
Belonging to Maj. Proctor—
British Soldiers, bad men:
James White,
Richard Stafford,
Alex. Adams,
Timothy Howard,
John Taylor,
Thos' Matthews,
James McNamara,
William White,
A List of the Prisoners sent
from New York:
Constant Nickeson,
Benj'n Shitt,
Daniel Sayer,
John Turner,
Benj'n Scott,
Henry Wooden,
John Russel,
Caleb Spencer,
John Winter,
David Hawkins,

Garrett Springstun,
Benj'n Owens,
Daniel Jayler,
Nathaniel Finch,
William Peters,
Joshua Nickeson,
Ezekiel Kircum,
Seth Nickeson,
Abraham Jewell,
Abraham Elstone,
James Rubel,
James Powel,
Conrad Coon,
Major Smith,
James Nickeson,
Elihu Bennet,
Henry Dingey,
Tho's Peters,
Charles Ross,
Abraham Winant, Staten Island.
John Gee, the first Battallion of New York Independents.
John Craige, of Coll'n Stark's Regim't.
Thos. Berry, do.
Thos. Dennis, Fifer to the Massachusetts Train.
Rich'd Keef to Coll'n Nicholson's.
McMaren, Coll'n Hitchcock.
Edw'd Willson, Coll'n Hand's Rifle Redgm't.
Geo. Gilley, Coll'n Nixon's.
James Knowles.
William Gilles.

All but the last two willing to enter the service.

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## COL. PROCTOR TO COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philadelphia, Oct'r 27th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—At rec't of yours of yesterday, should have Immediately waited on you, had not the proveing the Cannon prevented me. Mr. Garret's Charge against me is ill founded,

as I did appoint a day to discharge his supposed apprentice, but my business had Interfered in such a manner that I was under the necessity of takeing a day longer, in which time he Eloped from the Island, Carrying away his Regimentals, &c., for which I stand indebted.

I have good authority to produce That John Williamson, who the Contest is for, did Voluntarily Inlist to serve the Pennsylvania Artillery to the End of the Warr, denying he was under any obligation to any person. The reason is, that his master did assent to his Inlistment with me, rather than goe with the Militia to Camp, and If they ever returned, the Master was to demand him as his property, which actually was the Case; for, in the space of four months the said Williamson was sundry times on furlows to See his friends, and lay at his Masters, and He never dem'd him by Proxey, or otherwise, untill the Militia return'd.

In justice to my Country, I do Contend my right to said Williamson to be Just, and that you will be pleased to suffer a Candid discussion of the Matter.

I am, Gentlemen, with Due respect,
your Most H'ble Servant,
THOS. PROCTOR.

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## IMPRISONMENT FOR REFUSING CONTINENTAL MONEY.

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Mr. Tisdale says Mr. Elliot called on Mr. Tisdale to go up with him to Mr. Baldwin to pay a sum of money indebted to him in mortgage; that Mr. Elliot tendered him the money, all Continental, when Mr. Baldwin refused to receive it; saying that the £600 was not worth above £400, at the Rate of half Joes.

Mr. Baldwin does not Deny having refused it, & still persists in his Refusal.

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To the Keeper of the Goal of the United States of America, Philad'a.

Whereas, hath Been Evidently made appear to this Council,

that John Baldwin hath Positively Refused to Receive the Continental Bills of Credit in Payment, Contrary to a Resolve of Congress; You are therefore to Receive the Body of him, the s'd John Baldwin, into Custody and him Safely Keep Precluded from all Intercourse with the Inhabitants of the United Colonies, and for so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant. Given under my hand and Seal Oct'r 31st, 1776.

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## ORDER FOR REMOVAL OF DR. KEARSLEY.

In Council of Safety,
Oct'r 31st, 1776.

The Council having understood that Doct'r Kearsley has insinuated himself in the good Graces of a number of your Inhabitants & that they have applied for his enlargement, in order to attend them as a phisician, The Board considering him as a dangerous Enemy to the American States, think it would be very imprudent to Enlarge him, as He may avail himself of such an opportunity in order to mislead weak & credulous persons, & thereby endanger the publick Cause. You are therefore desired, on the receipt of this, to remove the said Doct'r Kearsley to Carlisle & commit him to the Care of the prison Keeper of s'd Town, under the Direction of the Committee of the County of Cumberland.

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## PRISONERS OF STATE IN THE NEW GOAL OF PHILADELPHIA, 1776.

To Rob. Jewell, Esq., Keeper of the State Prison:

Sir:—You are to send off the following Persons your Prisoners under the Care of John Connoly:

Yorkers:

Constano Nickeson,
Benj. Shitt,
Dan Sawyer.
John Turner,
Benj. Scott,
Henry Wooden,
John Russel,
Caleb Spence,
John Winter,
Dav. Hawkins,
Garret Springstun,
Benj. Owens,
Dan. Jaylor,
Nath. Finch,
Cha. Ross.
Will Peters,
Joshua Nickeson,
Ezek. Kucum,
Seth Nickeson,
Abraham Jewell,
Abra. Elstone,
James Rubel,
James Powell,
Conrad Coon,
Major Smith,
James Nickeson,
Elihu Bennet,
Henry Dingey,
Tho. Peters,

Jerseyman:

Rodger Parke,
Henry Shaver,
And'w Sheep,
Jos. Lowry,
Mich. Simmons,
Jonas Parke,
Henry Smith,
Will'm Copinger,
Geo. Chanler,
John Bell.

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## DAVID SPROAT TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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Philad'a, 4th Nov'r, 1776.

Gentlemen of the Council of Safety:

I beg leave to relate to you, a matter which much concerns me; and which I think from a late instance, you will be pleased to take Cognisance of. In November, 1774, I loaded the Ship Magdalene, Capt. Wallace, at this Port for Jamaica. On her passage thither, she was in a gale of wind, unfortunately lost on the Corcos, where she lay Bilged for some days,

with her miserable crew on board, untill the storm abaited, so as to permit their going ashore with what they cou'd Save. Soon afterwards the Captain went up to Turk's Island, where he sold the wreck and all that was in her as she lay together with what they had sav'd, to a French-man, Barnt DeKlyn, for £459 18 6, Jamaica Currency, for payment of which, DeKlyn drew Bills of Exch. on Mr. John Duffield, merch't, in this City, who suffered them to be protested for want of value, in his hands. The year following, Capt. Wallace saw DeKlyn in Jamaica and demanded payment of the bills. Mons. DeKlyn seem'd much surprised to hear that the Bills were not paid, and promised fair, in short, he put into Capt. Wallace's hands a letter he had then wrote to me, inclosing Bill of Loading for thirteen negroes he had purchased there, ordering me to make insurance here, on that property value £450, Jam'a Currency, from thence to Hispaniola and Philadelphia, with Liberty to exchange the property for Sugars, & cta, for the express purpose of retiring those Bills in my hands at Philadelphia. As soon as Mon'r DeKlyn had thus artfully got clear of Capt. Wallace, he immediately sailed for the Mississippie, and I have never heard of him since, untill Saturday, that I was informed he had come up to this city from Maryland, where he had left his vessell, trading on my money.

From the foreging relation, I am incouraged to beg and earnestly pray that your honors will immediately order the said Barnt DeKlyn before you, and oblige him to do me justice which I have no hopes of obtaining unless you comply with my request.

I am, Gent'n,

Your Obed't humb. Serv't,

DAVID SPROAT.

To the Honb. Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania.

## COL. HENRY GEIGER TO COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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Heidleberg, 6th Day of November, 1776.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—I Cannot faill to Let your Worship know That I have not Received your Lettre untill the fiveth Day of November, and she whas Dated the 14th day of October Last. Therefore, you may see in what Condition you are with many officers, if the Enemy should come near your City Philadelphia. Then we have so many Tories mongs our Associators, as we have By the Army, then we can see by their behaviour, then I have see me Selves how they behave themselve on their Duty in the Camp. Further, I Beg Leave to acquaint your worship, that our Associators in our Neighbourhout being very much Displeased that the Non-associators whas not yet be ordered to Pay their Tax of Three pounds Ten, as the act of the Generale Assembly mentioned. Then the October is past, and no Tax whas paid. The Commissioners of our County Northampton, Last October, Lay the said Tax upon the non-associators, And have send their Collactor for to Collact the said Tax by the non-associators; but they will not pay any, and fore their Excuse they said your City Philadelphia nor any County in this province has paid yet the Said Tax. Therefore, I believe it is in your power to Give a Strick order to all The Commissioners in this province to Lay the Said Tax upon all the non-associators, and then you may Depend upon, that then the associators will be Ready to do their Duty. And further, I pray your worship to tacke one mature in your Consideration Concerning the printers, it should not be allowed to them to print so many Contraversas in their News paper. Then this macks us very much Troubel for to Give Satisfection to our Asosciators, and to Keep them in Good order. This macke the people in the Contrie so Confused, that if the Enemies should come near your City, it should be very Troublesome to Get the associators in Readiness for to march against the Enemies. Therefore, I hop your worship will be Cearful to Give Strick order to such Printers to not set in their paper anything That is Contrary to our freedom; then I am willing to do my autmost of my power to be alvays Ready for

the Defence of this Contrie and Liberty. And I pray the Lord almighty God that he will preserve your worship and whole Coontry from all axitand and from our Enemies. And I am, with Great Esteem,

Your most humble Servant,

HENRY GEIGER, Colonel.

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## RICHARD WELLS TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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Philad'a, Nov'r 6th, 1776.

To the Honorable the Gentlemen Members
of the Council of Safety:

The Petition of Richard Wells Respectfully Sheweth:

That some time since your Petitioner was appointed by the Gentlemen who Composed the former Committee of Safety, to attend the Galleys stationed at the Fort, and to transport to them such Necessaries as they required, for which Duty the sum of fifteen Shillings per Diem was allowed to your Petitioner. That since such, his Appointment, there are in that Station a Considerable greater Number of Men to be supplied, both at the Fort and in the Galleys, Fleet, &ca., which renders it absolutely necessary for your Petitioner to Employ a greater Number of Hands. That, in the present Situation of Affairs, the Wages for such Hands are considerably increased, that the price of Provisions is much higher than formerly, and the Wear and Tare of his Boat much greater than he at first adverted to, owing to the Constancy of the Employ and the Number of Persons he must necessarily transport to and from the Fort. He therefore requests that your Honours would be pleased to take the Matter into your Consideration and grant him such further Allowance per Day, or such Rations, as your Honours may think Equivalent to the Fatigue and the Increase of Duty, and your Petitioner, as in Duty Bound, &ca.,

RICHARD WELLS.

## PRINTING OF THE CONVENTION OF 1776.

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Philadelphia, Nov'r 7th, 1776.

The Honourable Convention for the State of Pennsylvania,

To Henry Miller.

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| To Printing the Weekly Minutes of their proceedings from the Beginning of their Sitting July 15th, to Sept. 28th, 1776. | | | |
| 200 Copies in English, 17 Sheets a 36s. per Sheet, Composition & presswork, ..... | £30 | 12 | 0 |
| To Paper for the Same @ 5s. per 200 Copies, | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| To Printing the Weekly Minutes of their proceedings from the Beginning of their Sitting July 15th to Sept. 28, 1775. | | | |
| 100 Copies in German, 17 sheets, a 33s. per sheet, Composition & press work, ..... | 28 | 1 | 0 |
| To Paper for the same, @ 2s. 6d. per 100 Copies, ..... | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| To Translating the same, @ 40s. per Sheet,.. | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| To 250 Copies of the Constitution, Declaration of Rights and Form of Government, in an Octavo Pamphlet in the German Language, ..... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| To 24 Extra Copies of Last Week's Minutes del'd Mr. James Cannon, ..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | £103 | 0 | 6 |

Passed In Council of Safety, November 16th, 1776.

THO. WHARTON, Jun, Pres't.

To Jno. M. Nesbitt, Treasurer.

## ORDER OF ARREST OF RICHARD SWANWICK.

In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia, November 8th, 1776.

You are hereby authorized and required to take the Body of Richard Swanwick, of Chester County, and bring him before this Board, and in your so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant.

By Order of the Council,

THO. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

To Mr. Frederick Sneider, Sergeant-at-Arms.

## EXPENSES OF GUN MAKING, 1776.

An Estimate of the Cost of Materials necessary for making Guns, Showing the advanced Prices of materials and Workmanship Since the Year 1775:

| Articles. | Prices in the Year 1775. | | Present Prices. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gun Barrel, ..... | £18 | £1 4 | £1 10 6 |
| Lock, ..... | 1 2 6 | 1 5 | 1 14 |
| Sett of Mountings, ..... | 7 6 | 8 6 | 14 |
| Ram Rod, ..... | 3 | 3 6 | 3 6 |
| Bayonet, ..... | 7 6 | 9 6 | 9 6 |
| Rough Stock, ..... | 1 3 | 1 6 | 1 6 |
| Stocking, ..... | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Workmen's wages, per month, ..... | 4 10 lowest, | 7 | 7 |
| 1 cwt. of Iron, ..... | 1 8 | 2 10 | 2 10 |
| 1 cwt. of Steel, ..... | 3 6 | 5 | 5 |
| 1 doz. Files, ..... | 15 | 2 | 2 |
| 100 Bushels of Coals, ... | 2 10 lowest, | 10 | 10 |
| | £15 16 9 | £30 11 | £31 11 6 |

By the above state it appears that the Costs of Materials, Workmanship, &ca., amount to double the sum they did in the year 1775, at which time the manufacturers rec'd £4 5 0 per Gun. The Price they now can afford to deliver them at

if the Barrels, Locks & mountings are procured from the Factory at the Prices above mentioned, is £6 7 6, (which is an advance of 50 per Cent. only on the last year's Price,) and £7 10 0 of the before mentioned articles must be procured elsewhere, at the additional cost of 20s. 6d. per Tun, as above stated.

THOS. PALMER, Pres't,
HENRY VOIGHT,
JOHN WILLIS,
WM. DUNWICK,
JAMES WALSH, lock maker,
JAMES WALSH, Stocker,
Jno. TAYLOR,
SAM'L PARKER,
FRANCIS CLARK,
SAM'L KINDER,
THOMAS MILES,
JACOB BALDWIN,
JOHN POLLARD,
JOHN HANDLIN.

Philadelphia, November 16th, 1776.

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## PETER CHAIGNEAU TO THE COUNCIL.

Philad'a, Nov'r 16th, 1776.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety
for the State of Pennsylvania:

The Petition of Peter Chaigneau, clerk of Edm'd Milne, of the City of Philadelphia, Jeweller, Humbly Sheweth:

That the said Edm'd Milne went to the camp in the Jerseys, with the Militia of this city, having previously removed his family about Fourteen Miles out of Town; that ever since that time his House in second street, for which he pays sixty pounds per Annum, has been Continually occupied by the Troops, who have made a Barrack of it, Burnt & distroy'd many things belonging to him, satt the chimney, (which burst it in several places,) on fire with some part of the roof, and Treated the House in the most outrageous manner. There is likewise a Woman who has ever since kept Tavern in part of the House, and will not remove out of it, alltho' beg'd & often threat'ned, in behalf of said Edmond Milne, by your petitioner

and Mess'rs Christopher Marshall & Paul Fooks. Your petitioner expected this morning to have got possession of said House, as the Soldiers who Lodged in it were removed, but to his great surprise he found that a recruiting officer had Taken possession of it and Intended to make a rendezvous of it for his people. As your petitioner is in Daily Expectation of Mr. Milne's arrival from the camp, and of his family from the Country, (who would have been in Town long E'er this had the House been vacant,) and is directed by the said Edm'd Milne to put the House in proper order, so that he may settle in it and Continue to Carry on his Business, He Humbly prays that this Hono'ble Board will give him an order directed to the recruiting officer who has possession, together with the Woman who Keeps Tavern in it, and direct them to give Immediate possession to your petitioner, who, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

PETER CHAIGNEAU.

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## BENJ. RITTENHOUSE TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philadelphia, Nov'r 19th, 1776.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety, For the State of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—The former Committee of Safety having thought fit to appoint me to superintend the Gunlock Factory of this City; I agreed with them for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds p'r annum, which I then thought adequate to the dificulty of the task, and in consequence, Mov'd my Family to this City; since which time, by the change in our public affairs, almost every necessary of life have arose to such an extravagant price that I find by experience the sum will be Insufficient to support My Family through the course of the year. I have therefore thought propper to appeal to your Candiour whether you in your judgm't may think fit to augment the sum specify'd, as I have it not in my power like other tradesmen to raise the prices of my work. The above is submitted to the discretion of the Honourable board by their,

Most Obedient Humble Servant,

BENJ. RITTENHOUSE.

Indorsed:

Petition of Benj. Rittenhouse for an augmentation of his pay, From 20th Nov'r, 1776. Raised to £350 p'r year.

## JOHN W. SMITH TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Phila'a, 23d Nov'r, 1776.

Gentlemen:—Last night I was served with a Copy of an order of your Board, requesting my attendance this morning at 9 o'clock, to answer such Questions as shall be asked me, respecting certain declarations, said to have been made in my presence, by Mr. John Swift, Jun'r. I am much disposed to pay due attention to your order, but beg leave to inform the Hon'ble Board that I am under a Course of Physic, and have been confined to the House for a week past. These considerations, and the weather, I hope will induce the Hon. Board to Excuse my personal attendance. Especially when I assure them I am ready to answer any Questions they shall think proper to propose.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obed't Servant,

JNO. W. SMITH.

To the Hon. Council of Safety.

## THE PRESIDENT TO THE COLONELS OF THE ASSOCIATORS.

Sunday, 24th Nov'r, (1776.)

The absolute necessity of having a Body of Troops collected in this city for its immediate defence against an attack of the enemy, has induced the Hon'ble Congress to recommend to this Board to take into Continental pay one Company out of each Battalion in this State, for six months.

The Council, therefore, in compliance with their recommendation, request you, as you value the liberty of your Country at this most important Juncture, when every thing is at stake, our Cruel enemy being now in all probability on their March to this City, to exert yourself in forming such a Company, consisting of 76 Privates, 4 officers, 4 Serj's, 4 Corporals, 1 Drum & 1 Fife, and imediately ordering them to March for

this City, where every accommodation shall be provided for them that is in the power of the Congress or this Board.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Prest.

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## CIRCULAR FROM THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia, Novem. 25, 1776.

Gentlemen:—The Council of Safety for this State exceedingly lament the present necessities of the people with respect to salt, and they have used their utmost endeavours to prevent that evil, and not altogether without success, as it is coming in by degrees, yet not in such quantities as to fully supply our wants; yet we are not without hopes that before our navigation is wholly interrupted by the approaching season, enough may arrive to prevent much distress for want of it. The scarcity of salt has furnished the enemies of America with too good an occasion to create uneasiness in the minds of many who have credited their false insinuations and artful tales, calculated to destroy all confidence in this Council and the persons intrusted with the management of our publick affairs, for which they have led them to believe that large quantities of salt were kept back for the use of the people and remained stored in this city. The Council can, with the greatest sincerity and truth, declare that they are ignorant of any such practises and have taken every measure in their power to prevent them and would so far discourage anything of the kind that they would authorize any person or persons to break open any store or warehouse where salt was so stored and witheld from use, and to seize upon and make sale of the same to the people. We would therefore desire you to make it known to the people that they may be undeceived, and we cannot but hope that their virtue & fortitude will support them patiently through this difficulty, in order to avoid the heavier calamities that will ensue to them should the British Army prevail against us. An Army that is waging war, not from sound policy, but only to gratify the avarice, the rage and resentment of an inflexible tyrant, and, as we are well informed from New York, whose mercies are cruelties compared with your present sufferings and not distinguishing Tories from Whigs.

## JOSEPH DONALDSON TO COL. BIDDLE.

St. Eustatias, Novem. 27th, 1776.

Owen Biddle, Esq'r:

Dr. Sir:—My last was the 5th this Instant Covering Invoice and Bill of Lading for sundries which I hope is safe arriv'd; this serves to inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for sundries ship'd on board the Vessell of Warr Andrew Doria, John Robinson, Esq'r, Commander, amt'g to £1,579 6 2 the Residue of the Bills of Exchg'e received, likewise acco't Cover ballance due you £0 6 3. I am sorry it was not in my power to ship the Goods according to order received as it was impossible to obtain them. I have wrote to several of the Neighboring Islands for the Woolens which was not to be had. Some time agoe arrived here, Wm. Aull, from France, formerly of your place, with a large Cargoe of Goods among which was some Cloths. He sold the whole off at 15 p'r Ct. on the Invoice; and after he had bargained for them he found it was Considerably under the Value, he wou'd not let the person have them. I went to him for the Blue Cloth which cost about 2s. 10d., and he ask'd me 18s. p'r yard for them. I looked at him with Amazement, but offer'd him 9s. for them but he wou'd not take it, and I come away. The next day he offer'd them for 12s. to take as many Brown as Blue, however I agreed with him for them at 10s. This was the day before the Andrew Doria arriv'd, and after her arrival he was acquainted with her errand. I desir'd him to send me the Cloths and he return'd me for answer I cou'd not have them for that price, as he was offered more and to take proportion of white with them by Mr. S. Curwin, for the Continent, who I Inform'd I had purchas'd those Goods from Mr. Aull. But he did not like to give them up, and rather than Expose Aull, as he was a stranger here, I gave the matter up. He has made Mr. Curwin pay the most Extravagant prices for Goods I ever heard of, as there is no other than what he has at Markett, Owing to the Detention of Vessells in Holland, there being a great Quantity of Goods Ship'd from thence for this Markett. The prices of American provisions still Keep down, Occasion'd by Vessells arriving daily.

I am, Dr. Sir,

Your Most Hum. Serv't,

JOSEPH DONALDSON, J'r.

## MESSRS. MASON AND SYKES TO THE COUNCIL.

Philadelphia, Novemb'r the 30th, 1776.

Honorable Gentlemen:—The subscribers being concerned in three small Vessels, now Loaded & Bound for Different parts of the United States of America, but on aplication to the Naval Officer this day was Refus'd a Clearance, Oweing to a Embargo Laid on By your Honrable Board, which Sircomstance Enduces us to lay a Candid state of our situation before you. First, the Sloope Alston, Wm. Thompson, Master; Burden, 400 Barrels, Purchased a few Days past by order of Joseph Alston, Morris Simmons & John Addison, Esqrs., Gentlemen Planters of the First fortain & Rank in St. Tee, So. Carolina, & well known by Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, a member of your Honorable Board, & from the Emediate wants of that place, those Gentlemen sent their Capt. & men Passengers to this place, Least they should be disapointed Here. The Second is a small Sloope of 190 Barrels, Purchased in Conjunction with Joseph Clay, Esq'r, in Savannah, Georgia, under the Command of Alexander Thompson. The Third, a small Boat of 85 Barrels, part owned by John Cogdell, of George Town, St. Carolina, under the Command of Isaac Manchester, for that place. Your Honrable Board is not strangers to the Entended Envasion of Lord How, with 10,000 Troops, on that Coast, & How Necessary it is to through in Every Emediate supply for their assistance. Therefore, Trusting to your superior wisdom in these Convulsive state of afairs, we have only to request Permission for the Vessels to Depart for their respective places, & your subscribers will ever acknowlige the same with Gratitude.

THOMAS MASON,
WM. SYKES.

N. B. Advices being sent of their Entended Departure.

## JOHN DUYCKINCK TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety of the State of Pennsylvania:

The petition of John Duyckinck Humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner has been made a prisoner contrary to

his expectation, and that being Guilty of no crime or misdemeanours which he conceves entitles him to such treatment, He anxiously solicits a hearing from the Honorable Council as early as might be found convenient, and he flatters himself that he shall be enabled to Obviate such charge as may be advanced against him to the satisfaction of the Honourable Council, and

Your Petitioner shall Pray,

JOHN DUYCKINCK.

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## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATORS IN PHILADELPHIA TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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Philadelphia, Novem'r 30th, 1776.

To the Hono'ble the Council of Safety of the State of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—Upon full enquiry yesterday we find so many of the Associators of the fourth Battalion of this city and liberties, both officers & privates, have gone into the service of the United States of America and of this State, that there are not above an hundred effective men remaining; these, we apprehend, may be more serviceable by being incorporated into the other Battalions, and therefore we have determined to resign our commissions and commands in said Battalion, which we beg leave to do in this manner. Notwithstanding this, we shall esteem it our duty to exert the utmost of our influence in supporting the great American cause at all times, and to act in any character our Country shall call us to, upon any future occasion.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

THOS. M'KEAN, Colonel.
JOS. DEAN, Lieut. Colo.
JNO. JURVIANCE, Capt.
JAMES MERIAN, Capt'n.
JOHN KLING, Capt'n.
HENRY LEIGHTHAUSER, Capt'n.

## REMONSTRANCE OF THE OFFICERS OF THE PENN'A STATE REGIMENT.

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To the Honourable the Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania:

The Remonstrance of the officers for the Pennsylvania State Regiment Respectfully Sheweth:

That we consider ourselves to be highly aggrieved by the late appointments of several Gentlemen to First and Second Lieutenancies in this Regiment, who are strangers both to the officers and Soldiery.

That we look upon this as a direct Infringement upon our rights as men of Honour, And upon the rules laid down by the Asembly for all promotions in this Regiment when we were First raised.

That if our Rank is not preserved we must of course either submit to an Indignity (of being superseded) Inconsistent with the Character we have hither to endeavoured to support at the risque of life, or otherwise be put to the disagreeable (though unavoidable) Necessity of Quitting a Regiment and a service for which we have the Highest Esteem.

What were your Motives for adopting this plan we know not, but beg leave to Remonstrate in the strongest terms against a measure which If not timely Remedied must Inevitably Prove a great detriment to (If not the total ruin of) this once Flourishing and brave Regiment.

If we are allowed to have any spirit at all, It cannot be expected that after having Endured the dangers and Toil of a Campaign, we will tamely bear to be superceded by Persons who (perhaps) have never seen an Enemy or a Camp.

We hope, Gentlemen, that this matter will appear to you to be worthy of notice, And that you will take into your Consideration the State of our Regiment in this Respect.

That this Grievance may be speedily redress'd (which can only be done by the Removal of those officers) and that our

rights in the present case and ever in Future may be Inviolably preserved, is the Prayer of your Remonstrants.

HENRY CHRIST, Capt.
T. SPEAR, Capt.
PETER SHAFFNER, Lieut.
MICH. APP, Lt.
JOSEPH FINLEY, Lieut.
JNO. CLARK, Capt.
JAMES SUTTER, Lieut.
AND'W LYTLE, Qr. Mr.
THOMAS BOYD, Lt.
WM. MOORE, Lt.
GEO. GYGER, Ensign.

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## COL. BLAINE TO PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS.

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Carlisle, Nov., 1776.

Honored Sir:—I have Purchased three Hundred head of Cattle to lay in a winter stock for Colonel Mackay's Battalion at Kittaning, have used every endeavour to procure salt to preserve the Beef, but can't obtain one Bushell. The man whom I sent to Baltimore Town on Purpose is just return'd.

Begs your Honor's application to the Honorable Congress for 230 Bushells, if to be had; shou'd it not be obtained, am Distress'd to know how to Act. It's Impossible to feed Cattle over winter to keep them fit for Slaughtering in that Country, without being at a very great expence; the wood Pasture is gone, and they are daily loosing their Beef. Captain Little will receive that salt, if it can be procured, and forward it by the very first Waggons. Your Honor's answer will greatly oblige, Honored Sir,

Your Most Ob'd't, &
Very Humble Serv't,
EPH. BLAINE.

The Honorable John Hancock, Esquire, President of Congress.

Indorsed:

Letter from Eph. Blaine for Salt. To apply to the Council of Safety.

## EDWARD BURD TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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December, 1776.

Honoured Sirs:—Because I have not the opportunity of Explaining my self according to the Deplorable sircumstances of my situation, I presume to do it in the following manner: The fifteenth Day of March, 1775, I set out from Cambridge, in New England, and went to Boston, where I shipped myself on board the Brigg called the Polley, whereof Benjamin Lambeth, from Portsmouth, was Capt., and agreed with him to go a voage to Bristol, in Old England, where we arrived safe, and unlaled, and the Vessel was Discharged, and I Likewise, to my sorrow, where I was taken sick o' a fever and Lay in it for six weeks, where I was oblidged to pay 11 pounds, Sterling money. I had three or four more, and was oblidged to Let go my Chest and my Cloathes to pay for the time that I was sick, which stript me of all that I had, and there I was, a stranger in a strange Land, and where I had neither money nor Credit. Then I set out from Bristol to London, Expecting to meet with a Vessel going to some part of America, whereby I might have a chance to work my passage home, but I could get no such opportunity. Meeting with that was called the Hawk, going from there to Philadelphia with servants, I entered on board as one, and was sold for four years to one William Monegall, of Pittsgrove, in New Jersey, greatly against my will, altho' he paid 18 pounds for my time. When Mr. Monegall found out that I was married in Charleston, in New England, and that I was forced to enter on board with Capt. Cetchhouse to come back again to America, he pitied me, and said if I could pay him ten pounds, either in money or work, he would let me go free. Then I spoke to one Doctor Morris, that Lived near, and told him what Moneygall had said. Then the Doctor told me that he would pay the ten pounds to Mr. Moneygall, and I had wrought for him to the value of the ten pounds, or pay him the ten pounds in Cash, that he would let me go free, to which I consented, and the Doctor paid the ten pounds to Mr. Moneygall and got my Indentures. When he had got them he Insisted that I should serve him the four years, to which I told him that I would not, on which he used me so bad that I was forced to Run away, and he pursued me

and took me and put me to Gloster goal, and ordered me to be kept in the Dungen and order'd me Noting to eat or Dring for a week. And sence I left old England, I got Neather Shoes, stocking, Nor Shirts, except one Coat that Mr. Monegall give me. And after I was sow long in the Dungen, I sopose that there was some agreement betwen Docktor Harris and Capt'n Davis, and Brought me out of the Dungen and sent me aboard the Floating Batry, where I have been since the first Day of April without bed or beding, without shirts, shuse or stockings, or the least pay. I am in a miserable Condision, almost Naked, sow I hope, Honorable and worthy sirs of the commity of Safety, for that you will Take my Case to consideration and send me Releife in my grate Distress, whitch will constrain your most Humble Servant, Edward Burd, alwise to pray for your prosperrity and long continuance alwase to dow Justice to your Distressed Subjects.

EDWARD BURD.

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## MEMORIAL OF COL. LEWIS NICOLA.

To the Hon'ble Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania:

The memorial of Lewis Nicola, Town Major of the City of Philadelphia, Humbly sheweth:

That a robbery being committed in the house of Captain Keith last Saturday night, which there was some reason to apprehend had been done by some soldiers quartered in a neighboring house, your memorialist thought it necessary to have it searched; and tho' none of the stolen goods were found, the condition thereof as to cleanliness was more exactly perceived, & he believes there is very little difference between that and all the other houses occupied by soldiers, from what he observed whenever the duties of his office required his going into them, being generally as dirty as a pigsty, with human ordure in the garrets, cellars, out-houses, yards, &c., the stench of which is intolerable, & threatens a pestilence if not remedied before the warm weather; therefore, he thinks it his duty to propose to the Hon'ble Council the following regulations:

1st. That General Gates be requested to order an officer of each company at present or that may hereafter be quartered

in this city, to visit every morning the houses occupied by the respective companies & see that they are kept clean, every officer neglecting this duty to be confined & otherwise punished as the General shall think proper.

2d. That the Barrack Master General be directed to order one of his assistants, or some other person acquainted with such houses as have soldiers in them, to visit them at least three times a week, & make a report to the General, or to the Town Major, to be laid before the General every visiting day, of the state in which they find such houses, specifying every house, & the Captain's name, which they find dirty, particularly with human ordure in the house, out-houses or yard.

3d. That the Town Major be ordered to visit such houses as often as his other duties will permit, as a check on the officers & assistant barrack master, & report to the Hon'ble Council & General.

4th. The Town Major to furnish the Barrack master general with a sufficient number of copies of the above orders, that each assistant may be provided with one, & communicate the same to the officers & men they shall from time to time quarter in this city.

The above precautions, it is imagined, will greatly contribute to the health of the soldiers, as well as citizens.

All which is humbly submitted to the consideration of the Hon'ble Council.

LEWIS NICOLA, T. M.

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## COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEES.

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Gentlemen:—The Council of Safety have received yours of 28th Ult'o, and inform you that the whole of bounty money for raising the Flying Camp is sent to the Commissioners in New Jersey, and will be ready there to be paid to such Persons who are entitled thereto. If the Commissioners of your County will produce their Certificate for the monies advanced to the Commissioners in Jersey no doubt but they will be reimbursed imediately.

## PRISONERS TAKEN IN AMERICAN TRADING VESSELS, 1776.

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A List of Fifty Prisoners taken in American Trading Vessels Set on Shore or to be set on Shore from His Majesty's Ships Stationed off the Capes of Delaware, by Order of Andrew Snape Hamond, Esquire, commander of the Roebuck and Senior Officer, to be exchanged for the like Number of Prisoners By the Committee of Safety at Philadelphia this 30 Day Dec'r, 1776, Viz't:

Sloop Schoolkill, Wm. M'Cully, Seaman.
Do. Wm. Kensel, do.
Do. Jacob Trump, do.
Brigg Sally, John Hart, do.
Thos. Fulton.
Heart of Oak, Sloop, Jno. Middleton, Seaman.
Do. Thos. English, do.
Brig Brittania, John Fowler, do.
Do. Isaac Gooding, do.
Do. Geo. Harding, do.
Do. Hugh Dillon, do.
Col'l Perry, Sloop, John Cross, do.
Two Brothers, Schooner, James Gilbert, do.
Do. Thos. Armstrong, Supercargo.
Fanny, Sloop, Dan'l M'Kay, Master.
Sloop Greenwich, (Packet,) Jacob Grantham, Supercargo.
Sloop Schoolkill, Benj'n Camby, Master.
Schooner Nancy, Dav'd Bevan, Master.
Greenwich, Packet, Dav'd Coney, Part Owner.
Schoolkill, Sloop, Rob't Wilton, Boy.
Hearts of Oak, Sloop, Mich'l Butler, Supercargo.
Do. Josh. Taylor, Seaman.
Do. Thos. Fleming, Owner & Supercargo.
John Langford.
Sloop, two Brothers, Wm. Blake Russel, Passenger.

N. B. To be received from H. M's Ship, Falcon, the undermentioned:

Falcon, Wm. Elbuoy.
Do. Chas. Walker.
Do. Alex'r Storey.
Do. Gideon Stebbins.
Do. Thost. Ene'y.

Do. Jerem'h Morgan.
Do. Chris'r Seymour.
Do. John Cochran.
Do. Neh'ah Taylor.
Do. James Boyd.
Do. Fred'k Baker.
Sucsess, Schooner, Henry Coles, Seaman.
Brig Two Friends, Rich'd Butler, Mate.
Do. Peter Vancleck, Seaman.
Do. Conroyd Wey, do.
Do. John Lindley, do.
Delight, Sloop, Wm. Church, Master.
Do. Nicholas Davis, Mate.
Do. John Baker, Seamen.
Josa. Leveridge, do.
Thomas Mash, do.
Brig New York, John Walker, Mate.
Do. John Hardjohn, Seaman.
Do. John Columbo, do.
Adventure, Schooner, Will'm Pile, Master to whom I have given the schooner.

Victualed on board His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck, off Cape Henlopen, this 30 Day December, 1776.

A. S. HAMOND.

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## MEMORIAL OF COL. NICOLA.

To the Hon'ble the Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania.

The Memorial of Lewis Nicola, Barrack Marrack Master Humbly Sheweth:

That since the 3d & 5th Battalions marched out of the City barracks, there has been great waste made of the wood provided for the use of the troops quartered therein, which it has not been in his power to prevent, for want of proper regulations, of which he would have sooner informed the Hon'ble Council had he not been fully persuaded no regulations would have been of any avail while the barracks were occupied by troops under no command or discipline, & daily changing;

but that as there is at present a prospect of having some regularity established, he takes the liberty of troubling the Hon'ble Council & offering the inclosed regulations for their consideration.

All which is humbly submitted.

LEWIS NICOLA.

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## CIRCULAR TO THE OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA—1776.

Sir:—The foregoing resolves of Congress and Letter of this Council has been forwarded the commanding officers of the several Battalions i nthe more distant Counties:

The extreme Exigence of our Affairs and the absolute necessity of reinforcing General Washington with the utmost Expedition, oblige us to call upon the whole of the militia of your County immediately, according to the enclosed resolve of Congress. Your readiness to comply, and the alacrity of the Militia to turn out on this Occasion, will convince both our friends and enemies that you are determined to be free. The Council will take Care to have them provided with every necessary in their power, & are taking measures accordingly. The Enemy is on their way & nothing will now save our Country but that Spirit which induced America to resist. We press you therefore to exert yourself forthwith & bring forward your Battalion, whether armed or not, with all expedition. We have only to add that tho', by the endorsed resolve of Congress, the Militia is not to be kept out longer than six weeks, yet, by information from General Mifflin, We have reason to believe that, if the Militia will cheerfully turn out, Mr. Howe will be obliged to retire into winter quarters in a very few weeks, when the Militia will have leave to return.

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## ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY—1776.

The calamities of war having spread through the neighboring State to our very borders and our metropolis in danger of being reduced, and had it not been for the spirit and virtue of some of our brave Countrymen, who, with the blessing of

Almighty God, have checked the progress of our Enemy, it might now be in their possession; but while they can maintain, without interruption, a Port within a day's march of this city, we ought not consider ourselves in Safety, nor should any man be allowed to withold his service from the Public, or to indulge himself in a pusilanimous neutrality, when he must reap all the advantages that will be derived from the virtuous struggles of those in the Field; therefore,

Resolved, That Colonel Cadwalader send an officer from his Brigade belonging to each district in this City, the Liberties, and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, who are hereby authorized to call out all the able bodied men in their districts by a written or printed notice left at each of their respective habitations, and to enroll and form them into proper companys under the Officers already chosen; and when so enrol'd they are subject to such Military duty as the Militia now in service. If any persons should be so lost to a sense of their duty as to refuse or decline to obey such notification, they shall be considered as Enemies to this State, and shall not be intituled to any protection under this Government, either for their persons or property. Such Persons whose passive conduct, from the commencement of the present contest with G. Britain have manifested Religious Scruples against bearing arms, are excepted, as well as those whose age & bodily infirmity render them unfit for duty, or are in public offices and have exemptions from this board.

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## PROPOSITIONS OF COL. HALLER, WITH THE ANSWERS.

December, 1776.

Sir:—I Begge the Favour to be informed by The Honorable The Councill of Savety how to Act in the following perticulars:

1st. As my Battalion of the Flying Camp from Berks County has recei'd the Bounty, and the Greatest part thereof Decearted before the first of January Inst., shall they receive their pay without stopage?

2dly. What allowance is given to the officieres & Men while on the recruiting service?

3ly. What allowance they shall have on their March to they Army?

4ly. What must be done with Desearters from the Militia?

5ly. As several Company's of Militia has not Yead Marched, who will exspect a month's pay when ready, I pray that Money, or an order, may be sent to Mr. Adam Witman, who I know would Advance Money for that porpous.

6ly. That a proper Person be apointed to rec'e and Give out, from time to time, all arms & Accoutrements, and have them repaired occationaly, and to have a place to store them.

HENRY HALLER.

In answer to the within Propositions, you are to conduct your selves as follows, viz:

1st. The men to be paid, save the stoppage of Bounty to those who came without leave.

2nd. 7s. 6d. to be allowed the Officers for each man for recruiting.

3d. Mileage to be allowed until they draw Rations.

4th. The Deserters from the Militia to march back to Camp.

5th. Money ought to be sent Adam Whitman, Esq'r.

The Col. of each Battalion accountable to the public for the arms of their Batt'n, to be delivered to the armourer upon his receipt.

The apprentices that were discharged not to have Bounty.

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## WILLIAM SHIRTLIFF TO THE COUNCIL.

Philadelphia State Prison,
3d December, 1776.

To the Hon'ble Council of Safety:

Gentlemen:—I would beg leave to lay before you my Case, which when you have heard, I flatter myself that your Love of Justice & Detestation of arbitrary Power will induce you to release me from Confinem't, the Circumstances of w'ch are as follows: I was yesterday taken up in the Street by Capt. Alex. Boyde, and after being detain'd by him for near 2 hours, was Conducted under Guard to the Commons, & from thence upon refusing to bear arms, was by Coll'n. Byard's order Committed to Gaol, Notwithstanding my having told him that I had pledg'd my word & Honor to Lord Howe that I would not take up Arms in fav. of America during the Present Contest, and upon these Conditions obtained by Liberty from on Board

one of the British Ships of War. I therefore Humbly request that your Hon'rs wol'd be Pleas'd to release me from Confinement which will lay me under the most lasting obligations.

Waiting your Determination, I remain,

with Great Esteem, Y'rs, &c., &c., &c.

WILLIAM SHIRTLIFF.

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## DEPOSITION FILED AGAINST JAMES INGRAM.

Dec'r 3d, 1776.

William Davies, captain in the first Virginia Continental battalion being duly sworn deposeth and saith:

That there is in this city a certain James Ingram, lately an inhabitant of Norfolk in Virginia, who has been heard to say by this deponent, who was also an inhabitant of Norfolk, that he regarded the charters of the American colonies in no higher light than the charters in England, and that the parliament had of right an equal power over them as they have over the charters of corporations. That this deponent is well informed and fully believes that the said Ingram was very active in promoting the hostile designs of Lord Dunmore and in inviting him ashore; that after the defeat of the Great Bridge, the said Ingram fled on board the fleet and continued under the protection of Lord Dunmore, and acted for sometime, as this deponent fully believe from good information, as one of his Judges of the Admiralty; that the said Ingram did also act as a magistrate on board of Lord Dunmore's fleet, and this deponent saw a warrant issued by the said Ingram to answer the complaint of a negro; that the said Ingram continued with Lord Dunmore till he was driven from Gwynn's island, when by stress of weather he was cast upon the Eastern shore, and there taken prisoner. That this deponent knows him to be an implacable enemy and exceedingly dangerous to the liberties of this continent, and further this deponent saith not.

WILLIAM DAVIES.

Indorsed:

In Council of Safety, Capt'n William Davies being duly Sworn to the truth of the within paper. Dec'r 3d, 1776.

Cor'm me,

JOHN HUBLEY.

## INFORMATION.

Samuel Delap, sent to the New Goal by Joseph Behm, officer of the State house Guard, for drinking the king's health and damnation to the rebels, at the Sign of the Harp and Crown, in Third Street, where he arrived on horseback in the night, between the 5th and 6th Inst. The information was given by Gasper Ceeler, at the sign of the Black horse, on the Frankford road, and his neighbour, Henry Hory, James Evans, of Bucks County, and James Hewes, who may be heard of at the above Tavern.

LEWIS NICOLA, T. M.

Dece'r 7th, 1776.

## DETAILS OF THE GUARDS.

December 7th, 1776.

| Guards. | Captains,.... | Subalterns,.. | Serjeants,... | Corporals,... | Men,..... |
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| City, ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| State house, ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| New Goal, ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| New Magazine, ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Old Magazine, ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 6 |
| Frigates, ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Faggots, ..... | ..... | | ..... | 1 | 6 |

LEWIS NICOLA, T. M.

## COL. PASCHAL TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Kingsess, December ye 11th, 1776.

Sir:—As my Battalion is distant from the Two extreem Points not Less than Twenty miles, it makes it extreemly trublesome for me at this unfortunate Period to Gather them. I have at every call of your Honorable Board, wrote to and acquainted the Captains of your Resolves, but have not obtained the state of their Arms, so as I co'ld aply to you for to get them properly acquipt. I have two men last week two days, and this week two days more. Those men tell me the Captains Complain of Great Backeardness in the People, and Also say that Col. Dervees hath ordered a Company to Gard the Powder. Lieutenant Col. Dervees Liveth neare twenty miles from me, and I have not seen him since wee come from Camp. Magear Houghs, I hear, is in a loo State of health. Magear Jones Purposes to go as a Private Gentlemen, so that I am almost alone, old and infirm in body, but yet strong in mind, and Determined to do all I can as soon as helth Purmits.

Sir, the people about me are desirous to know if salt can be had, and ashore, and ye Price.

From Your houmble Friend,

JONATHAN PASCHAL, Col.

To David Rittenhouse, V. President of Council.

## WM. DEWEES TO COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

French Creek Powder Mill,
Dec'b'r ye 12th, 1776.

Gentlemen:—With unfeigned Sorrow I think you have not much assistance to Expect from the Mallitia in these Parts. I Last thursday rec'd orders to Relieve Capt'n Wilbert's Company at this Post by an equal Number of Respectable Mallitia. On friday morning I went to Capt'n Wilbert and showed him my orders, & told him I Expected to Relieve him sunday or Monday, as I expected the men would have turned out much Readier than they Did. I went to two of our Capt'ns and

several of the men who Promis'd they would march on thursday morning Early. I went to meet them, but they Did Not Come untill afternoon, when I rec'd information from Capt'n Hartman, Verbaly, that he was to occupy that Post, & that I was to march to the Camp Immediately. I Propos'd marching to Philad'a on Wednesday morning, but the men & officers utterly refused going, as they said they were Ill-used and behaved in such a manner as Convinced me there Could be No Good Done with them, some of whom I had advanc'd money to, out of my own Pocket, who Neither would or Did Return it. In the afternoon of yesterday I rec'd advice from Capt'n Wilbert that Hartman's orders were Not Suff't for him to Leave the Post, and as I had been Enjoined to Relieve him by Reputable Associators and I thought it might be of use to Relieve them as soon as Possible, applied to Col'l Thomas. He Readily Consented for one Company of his Batt'n, who all offer'd, Voluntarily, to Put thems's under my Command. As I found there Could be Nothing Done with our own Batt'n, thought it my Duty to Except of them and accordingly march'd to this Post this Day, but met with Capt'n Hartman here, who has not more than four or five men with him, but Insists upon taking Possession of this Post. Capt'n Wilbert & his Lieuf't is in Philad'a, and the Commanding Officer, who is a Serjaint, Informs me he has the Capt's orders Not to Go from here untill he Returns. Should be Glad you would Endeavour to settle the matter as you think Best.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Humble Serv't,

WM. DEWEES, Jun.

N. B. I Beg Leave to submit to your Judgment whether it would not be Prudent to be well acquainted with the Character of the Person who is to take Charge of a matter the Publick has so much at stake in.

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## BOUNTY TO VOLUNTEERS.

In Assembly, December 12, 1776.

Whereas there is a necessity of calling upon the Associators of Pennsylvania, at this inclement season, to assist in defending their Country, threatened with instant invasion:

Resolved, That over and above all encouragement heretofore ofiered, the following Bounties be given to all Volunteers who shall join General Washington by the several days hereunto mentioned:

On or before the 20th of this month,Ten Dollars.
Between the 20th and 25th, Seven Dollars.
Between the 25th and 30th, Five Dollars.

The volunteers to be well armed, and with each of them a blanket, and to remain in the service Six Weeks, unless sooner discharged; the Bounty to be paid immediately on their arrival at Camp; and, that no time may be lost, the Volunteers are exhorted not to wait at home to be collected into Companies, but that they march off with the utmost speed, to be formed on their arrival.

But it is not meant or intended to discourage the Associators from coming with their Officers, in Battalions or Companies in the whole, or in part which will be most agreeable.

Resolved, That the first mentioned Bounty of Ten Dollars be extended to the inhabitants of the city and liberties of Philadelphia not possessed of real estates, and to all other Volunteers, without limitation of property, who have already joined General Washington and shall serve the above time.

Extracts from the Minutes.

JOSIAH CRAWFORD, Clerk pro tem.

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## INFORMATION OF TORIES.

Dec'r 13th, 1776.

To the Com'tee of the County of Northampton.

Many disaffected men in & bordering the Township of Mount bethel have, of late, by Intelligence received, formed themselves in Companeys in order to repear to the King's standert, wherefore we have the greatest reason to believe that an attempt is by them in agitation to be made against the associators of said county, & in particular against the Township of Mount bethel, as it lays most Exposed, & being stript of men, almost Void of Arms & ammunition, and hoping the said Com-

mittee will take it in their sarious Consideration to suply y'r Petitioners with the same in such manner as you in y'r wisdom shall think proper.

Signed in behalf of the associators of said Township, by

JOHN SCOTT,
BENJ'N DEPUI.

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## COL. GEORGE MEASAM TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

Ticonderoga, December 15th, 1776.

Sir:—The Congress having done me the Honor of appointing me Commissary of Cloathing for the Northern army, it is therefore my duty to send for your Government a Return of Cloathing wanting for the Troops in this Department. But as I have not the Detail of the Troops each state will furnish for this department in the spring, I cannot at present furnish you with a particular Return of Cloathing wanted from your State; nor have I yet been able to complete the regulation of this Office and Cloath the Troops wintering here, so as to return to Albany to make a General Return for all the northern department; therefore, fearing such delay should be injurious to the Public service, I send you the inclosed return for this particular Post, that your Government may have time to provide for their Troops to be ordered to the northern Department, and regulate the same with regard to numbers agreeable to the inclosed return. I beg leave to transmit for your Government, also, Copy of the Resolve of Congress relative to the establishment of this Office, and am, with all regard,

Sir,

Your's and the Public's most
Obedient and faithful Servant,
GEO. MEASAM.

To the Hon'ble Tho's Wharton, Esq'r, President of the Council of Safety, or To the President of the Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania.

Oct'r 9. 1776.

"Resolved, that a Commissary of Cloathing be appointed to "each of the armies of the United States, whose duty shall be "to make Constant Returns to the Assembly, or Conventions

"of the respective States of the Cloathing wanted for their "several Regiments, to receive and pay for the same, to deliver "it to the Paymasters of the several Regiments, to be by them "distributed to the non-commission officers and Soldiers, and "Deducted from their wages respectively, unless allowed as a "Bounty by order of Congress."

Oct'r 16, 1776.

"Resolved, That George Measam, Esq., be Commissary of "Cloathing to the Northern Army.

"That the Commander-in-Chief be Impowered to appoint as "many assistants to the Commissary of Cloathing as he shall, "from time to time, Judge Necessary, and report their names "to Congress.

"That the Commander-in-Chief of the Northern Department "appoint Suitable persons to appraise on oath and deliver to the "said Commissary all the articles of Cloathing there belonging "to the United States, and Transmit his receipt, with the ap-"praisement, to the Treasury Office, Philadelphia."

RETURN *of Cloathing for the Continental Regular Troops, (for* 10,000 *Men wanted early in the Spring at Ticonderoga and the Posts depending thereon, and* 15,000 *in the Summer,* 1777, *by order of Major General Gates.)*

| RANK AND FILE. | UNIFORM. | | | | SHIRTS. | | | STOCK'GS. | | | BUCKLES. | | | | | | | HUNTING. | | | | |
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| | Hats. | Coats. | W'st Coats. | Breeches. | White. | Check. | Stocks—Bk. or red C. Velvet or Leath'r. | W. Thread, pairs. | White Yarn, pairs. | Shoes—pairs. | Shoes. | Knees. | Gaiters, Black leather. | Combs, Crooked. | ½ Gaiter, pairs. | Brushes, B. ball, sett 6 men. | Clothes Brushes, 1 to 6 men. | Shirts. | Trowsers. | Watch Coats. | Blankets. | Coarse Cloth. |
| 10,000 men, . . . | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 1,667 | 1,667 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 500 | 10,000 | . . . |
| Serg'ts 528—Bet. Quality, . . . . | 528 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 2,112 | . . . | 528 | 1,056 | 1,056 | 1,056 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 88 | 88 | 528 | 528 | . . | . . . | . . . |
| Corp'ls, . . . . . | 528 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 1,056 | 1,056 | 528 | 1,056 | 1,056 | 1,056 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 88 | 88 | 528 | 528 | . . | . . . | . . . |
| Drummers, 132, . | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 264 | 264 | 132 | 264 | 264 | 264 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 82 | 22 | 132 | 132 | . . | . . . | . . . |
| Fifers, . . . . . | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 264 | 264 | 132 | 264 | 264 | 264 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 22 | 22 | 132 | 132 | . . | . . . | . . . |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Balls | | | | | | yds. |
| Surpluss, wanted as a supply of Necessaries, . . | 500 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | 6,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 24,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . | 1,000 | 1,000 |

N. B. The above to be packed up in Packages well made and strong (for they often get broke and Pillaged on the road) and sent under a small Guard to the Commissary of Cloathing, General Store at Albany, as p'r Example.

EXAMPLE.—1st Reg't Pennsylvania, 100 Suits, R. & F.
Do. do. 100 do. Serjeants.
Do. do. 400 Shirts.
Do. do. 500 Pr. Shoes.
Supply of Necessaries for the Northern Army.

In like manner mark all other Commodities on the Packages.

Each State to regulate their Cloathing for the Northern Army Agreeable to the number of Troops they shall send to that Department; for which purpose Copies of this return will be sent to all the States North of Maryland. I hope, so far as the necessity of the times will admit, this will be complied with.

GEO. MEASAM, *Commiss'ry Cloath'g N. A.*

TICONDEROGA, *December* 15*th*, 1776.

## DR. SMYTH TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Sunday evening, Dec'r 15, 1776.

Gentlemen:—I am sorry that I did not know that the two gentlemen who favoured us with a visit yesterday were of the Council of Safety untill after they were gone; indeed I had not the least idea of it, at the time they were here. For this reason, I now take the liberty to request, as a particular favour, that either the same two, or any other two gentlemen, members of the Council of Safety, will be so kind as to come here to see us before we are removed. This request I hope you will be so good as comply with, as in all probability it will be the last from any of us that you will be troubled with; and common justice, both to yourselves & us, obliges me to make it, & I flatter myself will induce you to grant it, that you may be rightly informed on many things with regard to us, before you send us off in Irons like felons, as I understand you are to do. Such ignominous treatment will be the less excusable towards me, as I never in my life broke a promise, or in any respect forfeited my word of honor. And also to see that, & cause my private papers, necessaries, &c., of which I have been repeatedly plundered, May be restored. This I hope will give you satisfaction when you come, and will much oblige,

Gentlemen,

Your Very humble Serv't,

F. SMYTH.

## CASE OF ANTHONY FURTUNE, A TORY.

Philadelphia, Dec'r 20th, 1776.

A Memorandum of a Few Serious Expressions mentioned by Anthony Furtune in the House of Mr. Jno. Spence, near the Drawbridge:

1st. On a Question being ask'd by Jno. Spence: Why and what was the reason he did not turn out or send some one for to do the City duty.

Answ. He swore by G— He would not, nor any one Should for him.

2dly. Perhaps your Conscentious Scrupolus; if that the Case, I'm Done?

Answ. No, I am not. But your'e all D—— Proud, you have got a General in Town. (Expressed in a Disdainful Manner.)

3d. What! do you Expect Some Other Generals with Red Coats on, to preserve you?

Answ. God Forbid, (Very Carelessly Spoken.) But I am Resolved not to turn out till Better Authority is in town.

4th. But you shall, Mr. Furtune.

Answ. I will not; D—— your Blood, do your worse.

Present:

Capt'n Mathew Henderson,
Lieut. Sam'l Davis,
John Spence.

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## MEMORANDA—DEC. 28, 1776.

Lancaster, Dec'r 28th, 1776.

Memorandum of Cloathing now in possession of Matthias Slough, Purchased for the use of the Pennsylvania Rifle and Musket Battalions lately Commanded by Colonels Miles & Atlee.

274 pairs men's Shoes.
197 pairs men's Shirts.
82 pairs buckskin Britches.
27 Coats & Waistcoats for Riflemen.

Inclusive of the above articles, there are about 130 Coats which remain unfinished for want of Fanings and Cloth for Wasetcoats.

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Twelve 22 pounders brought by order of Congress into this State:

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| Mounted on Fort Island, ..... | 3 |
| Bursted in proving at the Island, ..... | 1 |
| Sent to Amboy, ..... | 2 |
| Mounted on board the Convention Galley, .. | 1 |
| On Messrs. Willing and Morris' Wharf, ..... | 1 |
| Delivered to Captain Eve, ..... | 4 |
| | 12 |

## JOHN MILDRUM TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety
For the State of Pennsylvania:

The Petition of John Mildrum Humbly Sheweth:

That Your Petitioner, a native of St. Martin's, being on a visit to Virg'a, found Himself under the necessity to go on board Lord Dunmore's Fleet, in hopes of getting an oppertunity to return to his friends at St. Martin's. But his Lordship having Laid an Embargo on all vessels, your Petitioner was Detained in the Fleet some time, and having no friends there that could supply him with money, he was under an absolute necessity of doing something for his support. Mr. Bridger Goodrich, at that time Command'd the Lady Susan Sloop of war, and appointed your Petitioner Agent for the said Sloop, in which he was takin.

That on his arrival here, your Hon'rs were kind enough to indulge Him on his Parole, Notwithstanding which he finds himself in a very Disagreeable situation from the want of money, &c., &c.

If your Hon'rs Judge it necessary to hold him still a Prisoner of warr, he Humbly hopes you will be pleased to grant him Liberty upon his Parole to return to St. Martin's, for three Months, where he will be supply'd with what he now stands in need of, And will then return to Philadelphia.

JOHN MILDRUM.

## THE GUN LOCK MAKERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

To the honorable the Committee of Safety:

The humble Address & Petition of James Walsh & Samuel Kinder, Gun lock Makers of the City of Phil'a, Sheweth:

That your Petitioners, from many unforseen difficulties attending their business, & the extravagant advance on the necessaries of Life, have been obliged to solicit your honorable board for redress.

At their Commencement they had materials to procure which were new & uncommon; hands to instruct, who were strangers & unlearned, & even those to purchase at double their value: Steel to provide, in which article their Loss is manifest to their acquaintances. Still hoping that their perseverance would Surmount every difficulty, they continued with labour and assiduity. Not withstanding which, they now find it impossible to subsist, as their most painful endeavors bear no proportion to the present rate of things. Files are now double what they have been, & some treble; Vices, double; Steel, scarce any to be found good; Thirty or Forty Shillings advance on one hundred Bushels of Coal; Journeymen's wages still rising; your Petitioners limited, and the enormous Price of every other necessary, too well known to trouble your honors with a repetition.

Your Petitioners humbly beg your Honors to take their case into Consideration & act therein as to your Honors shall seem meet, and your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, &c.

JAMES WALSH,
SAMUEL KINDER.

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## MEMORIAL OF COL. NICOLA.

To the Hon'ble the Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania:

Th Memorial of Lewis Nicola, Barrack Master, Humbly Sheweth:

That your memorialist was on the 20th day of February last, appointed by the Hon'ble Assembly of the then Province of Pennsylvania, Barrack master for the remainder of the year ending the last day of the present month, & as the independency of the State of America has been since declared, and there is no probability an assembly will shortly meet, he presumes to apply to the Hon'ble Council, in which all the executive power of the State now resides, to be continued in the office, which he flatters himself he has executed with propriety, being conscious that no just cause of complaint can be alleged against him.

All which is humbly submitted to the consideration of the Hon'ble Council.

LEWIS NICOLA.

## MR. PEALE TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

Monday Morning, Dec., 1776.

Hon'ble Sirs:—I have sent some lists of Persons that have not Given Blankets to the present Commissioners. The list of High Street Ward is the only list that contains the names of Persons who have never at any time lent their assistance, unless the Hon'ble Board can find the Returns of Persons who have given Last Year. I cannot conceive any method to separate the Generous from those that are perverse and unfriendly. I will do myself the Pleasure to wait on the Board with the Remainder of all the Returns as soon as possible, and am, with great Respect, Hon'ble Sirs,

Your Very Humble Servant,

CHARLES W. PEALE.

## RETION OF WOOD DELIVERED TO FAMILIES OF ASSOCIATORS, CITY GUARDS, GALLY MEN & CONTINENTAL TROOPS.

Account of Wood delivered by W. masters to Associators, by order of the Council of Safety.

| To whom delivered. | Captains under whom they associate. | Quantity. Cord. |
|---|---|---|
| Wm. Horn, | Capt. Jno. Williams. | ½ |
| Benj. Seyoc, | do. | " |
| Robt. Marn, | do. | " |
| Valent. Clemings, | do. | " |
| George Stout, | do. | " |
| Peter Power, | do. | " |
| James Smith, | do. | " |
| Godphre Wiland, | do. | " |
| George Humble, | do. | " |
| And'w Austin, | do. | " |
| Jacob Waulter, | do. | " |
| Jacob Brant, | do. | " |
| Wm. Keen, | Capt. P't Bruster. | ½ |
| Dav'd Bradshaw, | do. | " |
| Christ. Rush, | do. | " |

| To whom delivered. | Captains under whom they associate. | Quantity Cord. |
|---|---|---|
| Hans Bruster, | Capt. P't Bruster. | ½ |
| Jam's Lennord, | do. | " |
| Mich'l Fauns, | do. | " |
| Jno. Hasselwanger, | do. | " |
| Dan'l Earnest, | do. | " |
| Philip Stock, | do. | " |
| John Dullavow, | do. | " |
| Thos. Willcox, | do. | " |
| Henry Keyser, | do. | " |
| Je'r Bloomfield, | do. | " |
| Jno. Lufbene, | do. | " |
| Jos. Robenet, | Capt. M. Eyre. | ½ |
| Michael Zopst, | do. | " |
| Thos. Palmer, | do. | " |
| Richard Rihl, | do. | " |
| Jacob Rihl, | do. | " |
| Peter Ashmead, | do. | " |
| Wm. Turner, | do. | " |
| George Carlinger, | do. | " |
| George Backeoven, | do. | " |
| John Cramp, | do. | " |
| Hugh Lemmon, | Capt. Jehu Eyre. | ½ |
| Christ. Overstake, | do. | " |
| Daniel Bates, | do. | " |
| Jacob Hanshew, | do. | " |
| Robt. Brown, | do. | " |
| Wm. Howell, | do. | " |
| John Rob, | do. | " |
| Wm. MacMichael, | do. | " |
| John Miller, | do. | " |
| Benj. Pearson, | do. | " |
| Jos. Keyser, | Capt. Kooker. | ½ |
| John Horse, | do. | " |
| Fred'k Muck, | do. | " |
| Fer'd Marmedon, | do. | " |
| Peter Walter, | do. | " |
| Charles Yost, | do. | " |
| Adam Darh, | do. | " |
| Jacob Painter, | do. | " |
| James Kelley, | do. | " |
| Conrad Gilbert, | do. | " |
| Henry Hawick, | do. | " |
| ——— Hoin, | do. | " |

| To whom delivered. | Captains under whom they associate. | Quantity, Cord. |
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| ——— Bower, | Capt. Kooker. | ½ |
| ——— Slee, | do. | " |
| ——— Jonas, | do. | " |
| ——— Shank, | do. | " |
| ——— Catling, | do. | " |
| ——— Creger, | do. | " |
| Georg Page, | do. | " |
| George Shively, | do. | " |
| John Kensell, | do. | " |
| John Brunt, | Capt. Chambers's Drum. | " |
| Jacob Lince, | Capt. Warde's Drum. | " |
| Jos. Quinip, | Capt. Newman. | " |
| Mathias Riffard, | do. | " |
| Lew's Haselwanger, | do. | " |
| John Hadly, | do. | " |
| Hugh King, | do. | " |
| John Hynes, | Capt. Powell. | " |
| Mic'l Miltinpier, | do. | " |
| Conrad Stiger, | do. | " |
| Edward Davis, | do. | " |
| Daniel Hynes, | do. | " |
| Francis Crosbay, | do. | " |
| John Pearson, | do. | " |
| Robt. Crane, | do. | " |
| Baustian Swiger, | do. | " |
| Hen'y Rihl, | do. | " |
| Peter Hynebock, | do. | " |
| Jos. Cornelius, | do. | " |
| Conrad Yard, | Capt. Hasenclever. | " |
| Jno. Brown, | Drum Major 1st Battalion. | " |
| Michael Rine, | Capt. Will. | " |
| Michael Trapple, | do. | " |
| Robt. Magee, wounded, | do. | " |
| Wm. Horn, returned sick, | Capt. Williams. | " |
| Peter Groves, | Capt. Ming. | " |
| Godferre Vilard, | Capt. Kooker. | " |
| Matias Shees, | Capt. Bowers. | " |
| Conrad Smith, | do. | " |
| Daniel Rush, | do. | " |
| Gasper Wideback, | do. | " |
| George Death, | Capt. Jehu Eyre. | " |
| Mary Strong, | recommended by S. Mifflin, Esqr | " |
| Wm. Mason, | Capt. Bruster. | " |

| To whom delivered. | Captains under whom they associate. | Quantity. Cord. |
|---|---|---|
| Christian Young, | Capt. Ming. | ½ |
| John Stitzer, | do. | " |
| Adam Meyer, | Capt. Wade. | " |
| Christ. Kemp, | do. | " |
| Sam'l Humphries, | Chambers. | ½ |
| W. Copland, | Capt. Will. | " |
| Black, Drum., | Capt. Masey, | " |
| John Alexander, | Capt. Burnet. | ½ |
| Christ. Rearop, | do. | " |
| Mich'l Gitts, | do. | " |
| Jno. Gavin, | do. | " |
| Jno. Barker, | do. | " |
| George Shaw, | do. | " |
| John Night, | do. | " |
| Thos. Dixon, | do. | " |
| Isaac Davis, | do. | " |
| Simon Murry, | do. | " |
| Andrew Grisole, | Capt. Geyer. | " |
| Leonard Cremer, | do. | " |
| Martin Tats, | do. | " |
| Leonard Keekman, | do. | " |
| Fred. Poat, | Capt. Bowers. | " |
| Jacob Reihll, } Wm. Turner, } ret'd sick. | Capt. M. Eyre. | " |
| Jos. Robinet, wounded, | do. | " |
| Henry Rudey, | do. | " |
| Wm. Kimp, | Col. Bayard. | " |
| Valentine Ward, | do. | " |
| Isaac Haselton, | do. | " |
| John Spots, | do. | " |
| John Zager, | do. | " |
| Hugh McConnell, | do. | " |
| Wm. Hampton, | do. | " |
| Thos. Hill, | do. | " |
| Jno. Gribble, | do. | " |
| John Strupe, | do. | " |
| James Dowdell, | do. | " |
| Philip Ling, | Capt. Will. | " |
| Wm. Morris, | Capt. Bruster. | " |
| Isaac Kelly, | do. | " |
| Chris. Widner, | do. | " |
| Lewis Hasselwanger, | do. | " |

| To whom delivered. | Captains under whom they associate. | Quantity. Cord. |
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| Drummer Polidore, | Burnet. | ½ |
| Robert Magee, wounded, | do. | " |
| Fred. Weiss, | Wm. Bradford. | " |
| Fred. Fogel, | do. | " |
| Peter Lotbra, | do. | " |
| John Houk, | do. | " |
| Con'd Spangenberg, | Capt. Morris. | " |
| Jno. Ruke, | Capt. Eyre. | " |
| Valentine Sesk, | do. | " |
| Jos. Sackfrit, | do. | " |
| Henry Lee, | Capt. Moulder. | " |
| John Wolf, | Capt. Geyer. | " |
| Ch. Wolpent, | Capt. Kooker. | " |
| Barne Shome, | Capt. Weed. | " |
| Ed. Deal, | do. | " |
| W. Guinip, | Capt. Brown. | " |
| John Stonemetz, | do. | " |
| Mich. Syrick, | Capt. Newman. | " |
| Alex'r James, | Capt. M. Eyre. | " |
| Jno. Drinker, | Capt. Moulder. | " |
| Charles Miller, | Capt. Hasenclever. | " |
| Rubin Ellis, | do. | " |
| Daniel Bates, (retur'd sick from camp.) | do. | " |
| Chris. Rush, (retur'd sick from camp.) | do. | " |
| Dav. Bradshaw, (retur'd sick from camp.) | Capt. Jehu Eyre. | " |
| Ellis Fry, | Capt. Weed. | " |
| John Angel, | do. | " |
| John Vanorden, | do. | " |
| Abraham Long, | Capt. Horney. | " |
| Benj. Carmot, | Capt. M. Eyre. | " |
| Henry Stitzer, | Capt. Ming. | " |
| Christain Phraily, | Capt. Eyre. | " |
| Jacob Reel, | do. | " |
| John Stout, | Capt. Ming. | " |
| Ch's Neal, | Capt. Kucher. | " |
| Jno. Miller, | Capt. Wade. | " |
| Jno. Shorter, | Coll'n Cadwalader. | " |
| Brought over, | | 90 Cords. |
| Delivered Capt. Weed for the Use of his Company, | | 8 " |
| | | 98 |

## MEMORIAL OF JOHN READ, COMMISSARY OF STORES.

1st January, 1777.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety,
For the State of Pennsylvania:

The Petition of John Read humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner has been employ'd sence the 20th of March, 1776, as Commissary of Stores, Barrack Master of Fort Island, Check Clerk to several partys employ'd for carreing on the works on said Island, and hopes he has executed his trust with fidelity.

Your Petitioner, from the high price of every necessary of Life, finds that his pay of five pounds per month is not a sufitient suport, not haveing any Rations allowed him, nor been any other ways expencive to the State during said Services. Therefore prays this Honourable Board that he may be allow'd rations from the 20th of March, equal to the emportance of his trust.

Your Petitioner likewise prays for a reasonable allowance to his pay during his future Service, to Commence with the year 1777, with sufitient rations of speties.

Your Petitioner acting by Instructions, without rank or Commission, is not considered as on proper footing in the servis, and may be subject to Inferior Officers; that business cannot be carri'd on with that Spirit the service in General requires.

Your Petitioner prays that he may have leave of your Honourable Board to imploy a necessary man to Cord Wood received, to measure it out to the Troops, &c., to take Care of ye slewses, mend the Banks where it may be done by one person, with a proper allowance of provisions and pay; that the paymaster General and Commissary of Provisions may be ordered to supply monthly pay, and Provisions for self and necessary Man, and your Petitioner, as in Duty Bound, shall pray.

JOHN READ.

## APPLICATION FOR A GUARD TO THE POWDER MILLS.

January, ye 6th, 1777.

Toa the Honorable Council of Safety of the State of Pennsylvania:

The petition and Remonstrance of the Subscribers, Humbly Sheweth:

That application has been made for a guard to protect the Continental Powder mills on French Creek, in Pikeland Township, Chester County, and that Important trust being Given to a Battalion of another County at a Considerable Distance, and the post being now occupied by a part of another distant Battalion; We, the subscribers, Humbly submit to the wisdom and prudence of your Honorable Board, whether that Post would be more properly occupied by a part of the Battalion where the Powder Mills stand, as it would be more agreeable to the Inhabitants of the place, and we do Humbly Recommend Capt'n Peter Hartman and His Company, who Reside in the same Township where the Mills are, to occupy the post. Your Recommendation of Capt'n Hartman to the General, is the prayer of

CASPER SNIDER,
PETER STAGER,
DAVID THOMAS,
OWEN THOMAS,
JOSEPH CLEERY,
ELIAS VERNON.

## TORY PRISONERS TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

State Prison, Jan'y 6th, 1777.

To the honorable the Council of Safety:

The Petition of Thomas Peters, William Peters, Seth Nickeson & John Winter, humbly sheweth:

That your Petitioners are inhabitants of Duchess County, in the State of New York; that they were taken from their homes

in September last, & brought to this place. That they have never yet had any trial, & are ignorant of the Crimes laid to their charge. They therefore earnestly request that they may have an opportunity of asserting their innocence, which they have no doubt will appear that they may be liberated from their Confinement.

THOMAS PETERS,
WM. PETERS,
SETH NICKESON,
JNO. WINTER.

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## CAPT. ALBRIGHT'S COMPLAINT AGAINST MAJOR WILLIAMS.

January 8th, 1777.

To the Hon'ble the Council of Safety
of the State of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—I beg leave to lay before the Hon'ble Board a Complaint relative to the Behaviour & Conduct of Ennion Williams, Major in the same Regiment with myself:

That it is supposed he has prevail'd with Lord Stirling to prevent the arrangement of the Rifle Regiment to which I belong, contrary to that which your Honours had made of the officers, &c., by which means our Regiment was & is in the utmost Confusion.

That he has treated the Officers in general, but myself in particular, in a manner a Gentleman and an Officer of his Rank ought, by all means, to avoid.

That he has, by many Instances, rendered himself obnoxious both to Officers & Soldiers.

That he has deferr'd delivering Cloaths to the Soldiery agreeable to Order.

That when Cloaths were to be sent by the Quarter Master, Capt. Bickham, he wrote countermanding their being sent, though the Troops were in the greatest Need of them.

Sundry matters more might be mentioned now, but, as many Officers, & as well as myself, request and expect That your Hon'ble Board will as soon as possible Examine the Major's Conduct, to their & my satisfaction; Until when I am resolved never to serve under his Command.

I am, Gent'n, your most h'ble Servant,
PHILIP ALBRIGHT, Capt.

## REPORT OF BENJ. LOXLEY.

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January 8th, 1777.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety:

Gentlemen:—I have lent Mr. Bias all the following Tools & Utensils belonging to the following Persons for your use, vizt:

My own:

One Tackle, fall & Blocks, one drawing knife, one square, two Cast Iron Plates under the Mortar Moulds, one Wooden Boreer & four knives, one round Tray, one Carpenter's work Bench & two Shooting Benches.

Hired of Benjamin Armitage's:

One Wood screw & Nut, one Iron Brace & one Drill for the Smith's Shops, one pair of Smith's Bellows & Tackle, one Vice & Block, one Beak Iron, one set Hammer & one Rivetting Tool.

Borrow'd of William Clifton's:

One wheel rope for Mr. Bursted's large Turning Lathe, two Poppet heads & Wedges, one Iron Wheel and Eight Screws, two Iron Rests, two Turning Tools and Three Handles.

Borrow'd of Charles Woolfall's:

One Anvil, one large Sledge & two Slitting Chizels.

Borrow'd of Nathaniel Brown's:

One small Sledge & one small Hammer for Smith's work.

Borrow'd of Morgan Burstead's:

One large wheel & Lathe for Turning, one Larg Iron Ladle & one Iron Kettle bound with wrought Iron.

And I have used of Morgan Burstead's Effects at the Furnaces & Forge, 6 Bushels of Isinglass Clay, one Cart Load of Moulding Loom, Nine Bushels of Lime & two Hundred Bricks.

By me.

Your Humble Servant,

BENJAMIN LOXLEY.

## MEMORIAL OF LITTLETON TOWNSEND, AND OTHERS.

In New Joail, 8th January, 1777.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety:

The petition of Littleton Townsend, Leatherby Barker, Wm. Bagnill, Wm. Milby, humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioners are the Inhabitants of Sussex County, on Delaware. On the foreteenth Day of November, at fore A Clock in the morning, we left Ceadar Creek, bound to philadelphia, with the wind at So'west, fair for us, but in half hour shifted to the north wards, and blew very hard, so we ware oblidged to stand partly a Cross the bay untill Day, and as soon as day apeared we was Close to the Slupe Falcin, ship of war. She fired at us, and made us lay Two under hur lee. The Captain ordered us to Come on board of them, which some of us went on bord, and the Captain made us that went on bord take oath that we would not take up arms in this present war, and the man-a-war keep our Captain on bord of him as Hostage, and that we should Cary our vessel & Cargo to New York. This we thought prefeble to looseing our Vessel & Cargo, & be keep prisoners. Two days after, your petisioners ware taken by the Wasp Continental privetaer, who took our vessel & Cargo and sent us to this place. Your petitiners Requests the honorable bord that we may be examined Concerning what ever may be laid to our Charge. We beleave we shall be able to make Apear that we are not inimical to the liberty of the States of America.

LITTLETON TOWNSEND,
LEATHERBY BARKER,
WM. BAGNILL,
WM. MILBY.

## CAPTAIN DENISON TO THE COMMITTEE OF EASTON.

Westmoreland, Jan'y 9th, 1777.

Gentlemen:—The Bearers hereof are Part of a Large Body of Indians belonging to the six Nations who have Expressed their friendship for the United States of America, at a Counsell held in this Place this day; they also Inform us they are upon Journey to Philadelphia to speak with the Congress, (if returned,) Otherways intend to see General Washington. They have Desired us to write to you, & beg that they may be Pointed to Places to Escape the Small pox and other Pestilential Disorders, (if such there be among you.) This is wrote upon their Particular Desire, to give you Information of the approach of the Body of Indians, which Consists of about two Hundred Men, women & Children; and they further desired us to request of you your Influence, that their Proposed treaty might be at Easton if it be possible at this time, for fear of the Disorders, &c., Mentioned as above; we Doubt not but you will Pay due attention to these People at this time when their favours will be more Eligible than their Frowns.

We beg leave, Gent'n, to Subscribe
Ourselves your friends & very
Humble Servants,

NATHAN DENISON,
WILLIAM JUDD,
CHRIST. AVERY.

To Eastown Committee.

## COL. JOHN MITCHELL TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philad'a, 9th January, 1777.

Gentlemen:—I am much obliged to your Hon. Board for every favour confer'd on me, and have now to request you will be pleased to appoint some person to act as Commissary of the Fleet of artillery of this State, as soon as convenient to you, as it is not in my power to serve in that Imployment. The

Rum & Beef w'ch is engaged for shall be apply'd for the benefit of this State, as I shall ever take pleasure in doing every thing in my power to contribute to the utmost of my abilities to the publick cause of my Country. I have from the first commencement of our glorious & most interesting war, exerted myself, & shall be happy in every opportunity of serving this State in particular.

I am much obliged to your Hon'l Board for the appointment confer'd on me by General Ewing, and will exert myself to fill the office with particular care and attention, & I hope to give satisfaction to you, the General & the publick. At least nothing shall be wanting as far as in my power.

I am with great respect, Gent.,

Your most Obd't huml. S't,

JNO. MITCHELL.

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## FROM DUNN AND REESE TO INLIST INDIANS.

Philadelphia, January 10th, 1777.

To the Honorable the Continental Congress:

The Petition of William Dunn and Abel Reese Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioners lives in Northumberland County, and has been a long time intimate with the several Nations of Indians inhabiting on the Frontier of these States, who is willing to enter into the Continental Service.

That the Indians are of such a Temper that they will not readily engage against an Army in which any of their Nation are engaged.

That your Petitioners is persuaded that they would, at this season, enlist a Company out of the Different Nations, as they are now Trapping for Beaver in the Neighborhood. That if the next Campaign should be in or near this State, The Indians on the Frontiers would be kept quiet by means of their People in our Camps, Which would enable the Inhabitants to turn out in Defence of their Country, but which they will not dare to do unless the Indians are perfectly secured. Your Petitioners is well acquainted with Job Gillaway, who, we

understand, has received a Commission from your Honorable Body, and should your House grant your Petitioners Commissions, Viz't: William Dunn as Captain and Abel Reese as first Lieutenant, to raise a Company, also, they apprehend that the two Companys would effectually secure the Neighboring Nations in our Favour.

Your Petitioners having come to Philadelphia on this Call of their Country, and finding that the Campaign may open early in the Spring, Offers their Service, and doubts not but if your Honours will grant them Commissions, they will be able to bring down a Company to join the Army early in the Spring. They, therefore, prays your Honorable House to grant them a Commission to raise a Company of Indians to serve during the war; and your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray.

WILLIAM DUNN,
ABEL REESE.

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## DANIEL BANCROFT TO THE COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS.

State Prison, 10th Jan'y, 1777.

To the honorable the Committee of Congress:

The Petition of Daniel Bancroft humbly sheweth:

That your Petitioner was about four weeks ago taken by a party of the Hessians, & detained several hours, & could not be liberated but by signing a Declaration "not to take up arms, &c., in the present War." That to prevent himself & property from insult & plunder, he was obliged to take a protection from the Enemy, they being now on their march towards Mount Holly, in the Jerseys, where your Petitioner was an inhabitant. That a few days after, hearing that the Army commanded by Gen'l Griffin was expected at Mount Holly, & they designed to apprehend every person who had taken a protection from the Enemy, he, with the person that gave him this information, went to the Black Horse, then in the possession of the Enemy. Several hours after, hearing from a traveller that our Army was not likely to be at Mount Holly, he was returning home & was taken by the Out Centries, & sent to this place.

Your petitioner requests he may have a speedy opportunity of answering to whatever may be alledged against him, & restored to his liberty, or suffered to go out on parole, as shall be Judged most proper, as he has no doubt of making it appear he is of a disposition not inimical to the Liberties of America.

DANIEL BANCROFT.

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## COL. MELCHER TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

January 11th, 1777.

Gent.:—Agreeable to your orders to me some time since, I made an enquiry Respecting those Offenders that Cut Wood without any authority and carry it to this City for Sale. They were detected by they bearer, Mr. Ozeas, overseer of Wood Cutters employed by me for the Public Service.

Their names as follows:

John Bidelman, at Gov. Hamilton's Wood.
Henry Meyer, back of the Gov'r's house.
John Douglass, back of Proprietary Woods.
Henry Hill, Ditto.
Jacob Good, Ditto.
Jacob Miller, Ditto.
Martin Rode, Ditto.
Frederick Alberger, Ditto.
John Everhard, Ditto.
Philip Alberger, Ditto.
Philip Bendligo, Proprietary Woods.
Adam Alberger, Ditto.
Lud. Singeison, Ditto.
Jacob Peck, Ditto.
Philip Allen, Ditto.
Philip Henkel, Ditto.
John Sweet, Ditto.

IS. MELCHER, Bar. Mr. G.

## COMPLAINT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE 1st BATT'N OF LANCASTER COUNTY.

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Philad'a, January 12th, 1777.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety:

Gent'n:—The officers of the first Battalion of Lancaster County Militia, beg leave to represent to the Board, the Treatment themselves and the men under their Command as Militia met with from General Sterling.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, General orders were issued to us to Parade this morning at 10 O'Clock in the Barrack yard with arms and accoutrements, (a full Copy of which is here inclos'd.) The orders were obey'd in Expectation of being review'd, and receive proper notice to march in a few hours or To-morrow. But to our great surprise, the General without inquiring into the situation of the Battalion, and without Issuing his orders to hold ourselves in readiness, even at a moment's warning, order'd the Commanding officer to let his men (from a rest,) come to a shoulder and march. A Gentleman of the Chore of officers was requested to represent the situation of the Battalion to the General, but he was stoped short and told the word was March, "Close your Files, and march." Thus situated, intirely destitute of provision, amunition and Baggage, order'd to March by a General officer from the Parade, without even being told where to, was distressing beyond expression; and appeal to your own feelings as Guardians of this State, what the situation of the officers must be on such an occasion.

Every thing on the part of the officers were done to quiet the minds of the men and get their Baggage and provisions to be brought to them, but to no purpose. A confusion ensued and dispersed the whole. It was out of the power of the officers to hinder this, and we are now officers without men, without the least Expectation of being able to gather them again. This is the unfortunate situation we are in. We, who gloried in serving our Country, and came at this inclement season to help to avenge our Country's wrong, Do submit to your Hon'ble Board these facts and hope you will take such steps as will prevent an unmerited disgrace to fall on us and our

men, when the whole is owing to the precipitate, unadvised orders of General Sterling.

We have the Honor to subscribe ourselves,

Your most obedient Humble Servants,

WM. ROSS, Major.
FRED'K FRICK, 2d Major.
PAUL ZANTZINGER, Capt'n.
ANDREW GRAFF, Capt'n.
JOHN HENRY, Capt.
PETER HOOFNAGLE, Capt.
CHRISTOPHER CRAWFORD, Capt.

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## COL. MELCHER TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Phila'a, 14th Jan'y, 1777.

Gent.:—I cannot help being again troublesome to you, the difficulty at present is a want of Waggons to bring in the Wood. The uncertainty of getting those in the Service makes it very hard to keep up the necessary supplies, as frequently they do not come out till Eleven & sometimes Twelve O'C'k. I have only two waggons that attend me constantly. Wou'd it not be much more conducive to ye good of the service, to add six or eight more, whose business it should be to hawl the wood cut for the Troops & do no other? There is now as much Cutt as wou'd employ Twenty Waggons to haul it. If you approve my plan, I shall immediately adopt it. I will engage there will not be any want of Wood. The bearer Waits your answer, for my Government.

I am, with much Respect,

Gent., Your most Obed't,

ISAAC MELCHER.

## COL. SPROGELL TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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Philad'a, January 14, 1777.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania:

Lodowick Sprogell, Commissary of the Musters of the Troops in the pay of the said State, obliged by the very particular and pressing Circumstances of his Case, begs leave to trouble your Honours with a short Memorial of the Difficulties which still attend the Execution of the Dutys of his Office.

Tuesday morning last I went down to Fort Island to Muster the Men remaining there, found but four and no officer with them; was inform'd Capt. Courtney was in town and had been there some time; return'd home and call'd at the Capt's house and found him gone from home. The next day he sent a Man to know when I would go down again that he would attend me. I appointed Friday morning 9 o'Clock, at which time I call'd at his house, and he again was from home. It is very disagreeable to me to inform your Honours that Capt. Courtney hath not shewn that necessary attention to this part of the service which his Duty requires, and that this is not the first Instance of his Neglect. Indeed the same kind of conduct is pretty generally experienced in every department under my care. Instead of giving constant attendance and being ready when I call on them, I am obliged to call on some two, three and four times, (notwithstanding your positive orders not to give them any Previous notice.) Before I can get through the Mustering and after I have gone through the Mustering, I am obliged to attend for a considerable time at my office, while the Clerks run up and down after the Captains to get the Certificates sign'd, by which means I am detained too long before I can get to Camp to do my Duty there, especially when our Troops are at a distance, which delays have occasioned the Monthly returns being rendered in to your Honours so late. I have indeavoured to form my business on such a plan as would enable me to go through it with punctuality and dispatch, but the disappointments of some of the officers have often obliged me to disappoint others of them who have called and found me engaged elsewhere.

In this manner have I been worryed from place to place, whereas if they attended to their Duty I could go through the business with more dispatch and satisfaction to myself, as well with more carefullness and attention to the public Interest, especially with the Assistance of a Deputy, which by their carelessness and the situation of the Troops latterly, hath become absolutely necessary during my Absence. By means of these and many other Circumstances, permitt me to assure your Honours I have had an infinite deal of trouble, much more than the business necessarily required. The Duty has been very fatigueing, having been constantly engaged both early and late. One more circumstance, and that a very disagreeable one, hath contributed to retard and perplex me in my Tour of Duty. Many of the officers have been constantly endeavouring to draw money for more Men than they were entituled too, and finding me a constant obstacle in their attempts, frequently quarrelled with and treated me with much ill Language and abuse. They urge it with me upon this Principle, that as it is no interest of mine I ought to comply with their Demands. And what has added still more to my Grievances is, that I have found, by Experience, that the pay I receive is by no means equal to the Expence incurred, more especially at present when the price of every necessary for Man and Horse has encreased so enormously. The Daily support of myself and horse amounts to twenty shillings. Your Honours will excuse me when I mention, that perhaps one of the most effectual means of procuring a more strict attention of the officers to their Duty, would be to raise the Rank of the Muster Master, beyond its present Station. For it is generally found that to the same persons, who whilst in inferior or equal station we pay no great attention or treat with careless indifference, when placed but one step above us, we willingly yield respect and obedience. The proper Rank of Muster Master, I apprehend, your Honours in the Multiplicity of your business, have not attended to, Since I observe other officers of not more Importance to the State, have a much superior Rank, and am informed in all Governments the Muster Master has a superior Rank to that of Captain. Wishing to trouble your Honours at this time as little as possible on this necessary occation, Your Memorialist prays your attention to the several Matters herein mentioned, and doubts not your Honour will doe therein what is expedient, the appointment of a Deputy, Increasing of the pay and raising of the Rank of your Me-

morialist. And, as in Duty bound, your Memorialist Will ever Pray.

LOD'K SPROGELL, M. M. G. of P.

N. B. Since the above, I went down again to Muster at the Fort but was prevented getting across by the Ice.

L. SPROGELL, M. M. G. of P.

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## GEORGE KELLY TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philad'a, Jan'y 15th, 1777.

To the Hon'ble Members of the Councill of Safety in Philadelphia:

The Humble petition of George Kelly most Humbly Begeth:

That he may be heard before you, in order to Clear himself from his sad confinement, wich he makes no dought but of Doing, To your & the World's Satisfaction; and your petitioner most Humble begeth that you would Order the fifty pounds of my Just property wich Mr. Delaplane now keeps from my poor family wich is starveing for want, and that they may pay the Rent wich is Due, or my poor family must be Turn'd out of Doors at this Bad season and no where to go, neither Victuals Nor fire. Please to order the fifty pounds to be paid into the Hands of Wm. Harris, or any Body you think proper, for the use of my family, and your petitioner most Humbly Begeth you would Order his Irons to be taken of, as his Legs are verry Bad, and in so Doing I shall for be Bound to pray for you, and Return my most Hearty Thanks.

GEORGE KELLY.

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## TROOPS QUARTERED IN PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 18, 1777.

A Return of Troops Quartered in the City from 14th to this 18th January, 1777.

C'n Patterson, of Coll. Cook's Batt'n, in Mr. Sim's House.

C'n Rankin, in Market Street, near 4th Street.

C'n Ree, of Call. Bruce's Batt'n of Myraland; C'n Shields, of do. do., both in 2d, near race Street.

C'n Fraser, 35; C'n Carleton, 13; C'n Troutman, 30; C'n Kemp, 35; C'n Machett, 30; in Coll. Johnston's Batt'n, of Maryland. In 2d, near Arch Street.

C'n Temple, 35 men & Horse; C'n Jemason, 30 do. do.; C'n Lee, 30 do. do.; C'n Nelson, 30 do. do.: Virginia Light Horse. Enquire at Coll. Melcher.

About 30 Prisoners from N. York's in Barrett's House, the Corner of Market & 2d Street.

I do Certify that the above Troops arived since the 14th Inst.

JNO. PETERS, Ju'r, A. B. Master.

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## DANIEL BANCROFT TO COL. BLEWER.

State Prison, 21st January, 1777.

Sir:—In that doubtful situation whether I can with propriety address the Council of Safety, being sent from a Neighboring State, I have taken the liberty to write you, & beg that with patience you will hear, in as concise a manner as I can relate, the several circumstances of which I think I have a right to complain.

Being informed that the Council of Safety would not take cognizance of those persons sent from other States, I apply'd to Gen'l Ewing, in consequence of which, I am told, one Gentleman of the Council of Safety went to Gen'l Griffin on my account. He had been told of many particulars against me, and nothing more, I suppose, was done. Of this I was informed by Dr. Young. I immediately wrote Gen'l Griffin & particularly answered to every circumstance, & had the satisfaction of being able to say that they were all either false or misrepresented. Mr. Jewel told me Gen'l Griffin had now left the army, & consequently nothing to do in the matter. Since then, I applyed to Lord Stirling. He knew nothing of me, and refered the matter entirely to Gen'l Griffin. So that, upon the whole, it seems that I am consigned over to perpetual imprisonment, unheard & uncondemned, merely upon the reports of persons to me unknown, who probably might be influenced by passion & prejudice, & who, perhaps, might substitute their own conjectures in the room of facts. I am sorry to suppose any person capable

of such meanness, nor would I do it, but that I know the Circumstances, as related to me from Gen'l Griffin, to be false.

Subjoined, I have fairly given the several Circumstances preceding my imprisonment, lest you may have forgot them, though I once had the pleasure of telling you my story. My request is that you would move the Council of Safety either to give me an hearing, or at lest so far to interpose as to soften the severity of confinement by permitting me to go out on parole, with such limitations as may be thought necessary, until time & circumstances shall remove ambiguity, or I can be admitted to a tryal. It is needless to mention the distress a man of feeling must suffer from confinement; but it would be much more mortifying to be thought in capable of being sufficiently restrained by the ties of honor.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient H'ble Serv't,

DAN'L BANCROFT.

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About the 14th of Decem'r, when at the Black Horse, the Hessians suddenly came on. Before their advance was known, they were arrived. Amongst twenty persons or more then in the house, I was particularised, & had a Centry placed over me. To extricate myself from this situation, I signed a Declaration not to take up arms in the present war. This I the more readily complied with, expecting the first opportunity to set off for France. When the army commanded by Gen'l Griffin was advancing, I was apprehensive of being imprisoned for having signed the Declaration, & to avoid them went to the Black Horse. After some hours, a traveller on the road told me Gen'l Griffin's party was not expected at Mount Holly. I was returning home when taken.

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## RESIGNATION OF LIEUT. COL. DUNLAP.

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Shippensburgh, Jan'y 23d, 1777.

Dear Sir:—I called upon Mr. Stake, at York Town. He promised to come to this County to recruit, but has not as yet. There is great numbers of Dutch here, and not one Dutch Officer

recruiting; Were some of yours to come this way they could not fail of Success. I shall use my utmost endeavour to forward their business, though I have determined to Resign my Place in the Army. This is entirely owing to the Convention's discovering some Weakness in me Which rendered me unfit for that Stage in the Army to which I was entitled by Seniority, and from which they have removed me to a stage further back, and put Persons yet untried over me.

When we entered the Service of our Country, America had not yet acceeded to Independency; No Wages sufficient to invite a Man into the Army for a living. The case is now otherwise; an Army must be kept; Wages is inviting; New hands offer themselves and are prefered over the Old, who served under doubtful and unfavourable circumstances.

In all this I am persuaded the Convention or Council of Safety did what they thought was for the good and honour of the American Arms, and least I should yet stand in the way of persons better qualified, Zeal for the good of my Country bids me retire to my Family.

Therefore, you will consider your Regiment without a Lieutenant Col.—If I was actually appointed, of which the Council of Safety gave me no intimations, altho' I was with them and known by them.—I shall be exceedingly sorry if you suffer any inconveniencies from your not knowing this sooner. If none of your officers come this way, shall send or carry you your Money in a short time.

I hope you will excuse anything you may aprehend amiss in my conduct until I see you.

I am, Sir, with due Respect,

Your most Obedient and Humble Servant,

JAMES DUNLAP.

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## JAMES CANNON TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

Jan. 24th, 1777.

Sir:—Doct'r Alison is every day enquiring at me why the Council don't either dismiss his Nephew or give him an appointment. Before the young Man returned from Canada, a Member of the Council told him he was appointed: A few Days ago another assured him that he thought he was ap-

pointed. He resigned his Commission in his own Battalion in Consequence of Assurances from several of the Council, and not from me neither. The Doctor thinks it not kind usage to keep the young man between Hawk & Buzzard. It is a favour to be denied in Time where nothing is to be done. He is about 27 years of age, and the very reason given by Col. Irvine why he would not recommend him, shews he has some of the principal Qualifications of a good officer. Col. Irvine said he was an officer who would Execute orders, and he does not apply for a general Command. Beg Pardon for troubling you; & wish the Council may always stand fair in the public Eye, and all murmurings to die away. I know they deserve the Public Thanks of the Continent. The Doct'r is a man of very great Influence in the Country, however he may be in the Town. My opinion is that the young man deserves a Company, and that the Council will do well in granting him the Commission. At any rate the Doct'r will thank you for putting him past suspence. This he prays me to inform the hon'ble Council. There will be room in some of the Battalions, I am sure; and putting in fresh Hands & rejecting Men who have undergone a Canada Campaigne, is not right.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir, Your very h'bl. Serv't,

JAMES CANNON.

Hon'ble Thomas Wharton, Jun., Esq'r.

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## COL. PROCTOR TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philad'a, January 24th, 1777.

To the Hon'ble the Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—I make no Doubt you are acquainted with my first unsuccessful attempt to Exert my Utmost in defence of the great Cause of American Liberty in General, and the State of South Carolina in particular; And therefore Chuse not to trouble you at present with a Narrative of my long Imprisonment, Cruel Treatment, and other distressing Circumstances during that Period to the time of my Enlargement, But have the Honour of acquainting you that I Cannot be an Idle Spectator of the present Glorious Contest whilst my Country wants

a man, and therefore take the Liberty of Informing you that I am now going (by Desire of General Knox) to Head Quarters to take Command of a Company of Artillery in the Continental Service. And as my long absence from the service may Render me almost a Stranger to many of the Principal Officers, I humbly request you will be pleased to give me such Recommendation Either to the General or other officers as you may think proper, which will be most Gratefully acknowledged by,

Gent., your most ob't Hum. Serv't,

FRANCIS PROCTOR.

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## GERARD IRVINE TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philad'a, January the 26th, 1777.

Gentlemen:—I do not know whether I can, with decency, acknowledge the unmerited favour you have confer'd upon me, by relieving me from trouble and placing me where at present I enjoy uninterrupted quiet: some might count it misfortune, but I as consolation, as it affords the fine reflections which it occasions, And a most useful Moral the rest of my days. But people are very apt to break through decency, when desire is very strong; as mine is at present, I asure you, to thank you for it. Long inured to hardship, Brought up in the school of Adversity, I can laugh at misfortune; But confined for what? (Felony) had I been confin'd for not obeying the Orders of my Commanding Officers, which was to pull down one of the Ba'dy houses I searched for secreting one of his men. I had no plea, but must suffer for going after a deserter who by one of these she heroes and Bullies, adhering to her was kept in day light from a serjeant and two men I sent for him swore she would dash out their Brains if they attempted to come into their house after men, damn'd them and their Officer who made him Officer; when answered the Congress, they supposed Damn'd him and the Congress; and for doing my duty am confin'd; but my innocence is my protection, and hope there is Military Gentlemen Enough in Philadelphia to try me by Military laws, to which I appeal for Justice, notwithstanding Mr. Rittenhouse yesterday wished to see

the punishment of my men laid on my Back. I am willing to suffer for my Men; and with my men, and my men with me to suffer death. But I am Innocent of the sundrie crimes Laid against me, as is all the poor fellows that I ordered with me, which in number was 6; and two poor drunken fellows that followed Without my knowledge, one of them my recruit and the other belonging to a strange core, but it was so far from my Orders that they should steal, that I desir'd that two should stand at each door, and the other two I order'd to stand below, and Each house I came to I demanded of them to open the door, which some of them denied; such I burst open; nor did I let a Man come in till they had first lighted a candle and then suffer'd no man but he or she that own'd the house with me to search any room. But anything stolen or lost in any house was without my knowledge as well as Liberty. Very possible they drunken men might, when I was above stairs, have done the mischief laid to our charge, as some person told them they people were all torys, but even so it makes no Excuse for the act. The first house which I went into, and by Ac't has suffer'd most, was the House where s'd deserter, by name Hockins, but commonly cal'd himself the Jolly Tinker, Always resorted, and was well Informed was to have been In the House that night, which was the reason I went to other houses very noted for entertaining fellows of his sort. As I found his Wife or Girl alone, s'd woman denying she knew any such man, notwithstanding one of the Men I sent there a few days ago with a serjeant made it appear in her face before the serjeant that he went home with the same Hockings, Eat part of a Roast pig and drank part of a Quart of Rum with him the day he Inlisted with me. Mr. Ritenhouse, on my asking one of the Women yesterday had she lost cloaths, says your very Innocent, Mr. Irwine. But must now take the Liberty of Observing to the Honourable Board, that I equally despise and detest the Act his words Implies, as much as any Gentleman on the Continent; and as he was pleas'd to say I was a pretty Officer, must likewise inform the Honorable Board that I have served as a private Cadet in the English service, know the duty of both foot and Light horse, in an uncommission'd Officer's place and Commission'd, And have, since the Beginning of the pres't unhappy War, serv'd as a steady friend to American Liberty, as a Volunteer, both by Land and Sea, without ever receiving or desireing pay, or petitioning for a Commission, till propos'd by General Armstrong to me. And notwithstanding Being told I neglected my

duty since my appointment, Must say, no person in my station took more pains, for the time got more recruits, nor kept them Better together, even without Blankets, and the cloathing needful. They were yesterday hearty, to-day without a Head over them, perhaps without Bread, and if gone astray, I am glad to think I have done my duty by them when under my care. As the first step is now taken, I wish to make the best use of it by expresing to you the sentiments which I have and ever will retain for the states of America and every friend of liberty, though destitute of all these advantages some enjoy, beg leave to assure you I have the greatest esteem, veneration and respectful Attachment for the Honourable Continental Congress; likewise, the Gentlemen of the Board I now address, And am, with equal truth, Gentlemen, your most faithful, humble Servant.

GERARD IRVINE.

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## CAPT. WM. BROWN TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

Prince Town, 27th Jan'y, 1777.

Gentlemen:—I am, and have been I think ill used, ever since I left Philadelphia. At my first joining the army, found myself under command of Major Proctor, at which was at first Pleas'd, but soon found he made a difference between his men and mine, for the former were always Quart'd in houses, when the latter were offten in the woods, Officers and all, my Company divided and sub-divided. All this I bore, but at last was order'd with a detachment of my Company to this place, when got Command of two Iron four pounders, one that Capt. (or rather Lieut.) Rice bro't out, and the other that one Mr. Nicholson brought out, they both being appointed to the Command of Brass pieces and younger officers than myself, besides both pieces want several materials to render them fit for service; all of which have Complain'd of to Gen'l Putnam, but as can have no redress must beg you'll call me home; otherwise shall come as I will sooner die than be a stop-Gape to any younger officer that I know has not push'd so far as,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient huml. Serv't,

WILLIAM BROWN.

## RESOLVE OF COUNCIL EXCUSING WIDOWS TO HAVE SOLDIERS BILLETED ON THEM.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, Jan'y 29th, 1777.

Sir:—If any Troops are Quartered in the House of Mrs. Miller, a Widow in Germantown, please to have them removed; it is hard to put that burthen on widows, of which we mean to excuse Associators, it being the intention to quarter the Troops on Non-Associators, or such of the Asociators who have had it in their power to go to Camp and have not done it.

By Order of Council.

## COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO COMMITTEE OF CHESTER.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, Feb'y, 1777.

Gent.:—The Inclos'd Petition, seting forth a very extraordinary instance of Toryism and violation of the rights of Private Property, which conduct highly deserves to be taken notice of, as well to indemnifie the persons agrieved as to punish the agressors. The Council request that you will take the most effectual and speedy method to have some of the Persons complain'd of in said Petition apprehended, especially the Leaders of the party. It's expected that you Gent'n, as friends to the Common Cause, and Lovers of your Country's wellfare, will, in order to suppress & prevent Anarchy & confusion in your County, raise, with as much secresy and Dispatch as possible, a sufficient Number of the associators in your Battalions to secure those Rioters, and have them bro't before the Committee of Inspection and Observation of your County, who are desired to examine Evidences before them upon the matter, and if found guilty of the facts Charg'd in said Petition, the same to transmit to us with the Prisoners, under a sufficient Guard, which you are to furnish, that said offenders may be dealt with according to the Nature of their offence, and this Council will pay all reasonable Charges for said service.

## CHARGES AGAINST JOHN OAKESON.

Monmouth Court house,
New Jersey, Feb'y 5th, 1777.

This is to Certify the charge against Thos. Oakeson, taken in arms against the United State of America.

In the first place, he went on board the British ships of war, Continued in the service, going to & from said ships, giving intelligence of all proceedings, as far as he Cou'd, to the enemy. He was then taken & brought before the Committee of this County. They thought proper to send him under guard to the Congress. He made his escape; some days afterwards was taken again & Confined in Trenton Gaol. There broke Gaol & made his escape the second time. Retreated to the ships of war again. When the enemy made their advance through Jersey he made as Precipitate advance as any, & Disarmed many of the whigs in this State. But a few nights past, he commanded a party that took three or four of the light horse belonging to this State. He is now taken by Col. Randolph, Col. of the Phila'a Light horse, and sent to this place under guard. I here Commit him to the Charge of a party of Major Davis's Riflemen, in the Particular Charge of Capt. Culverson. The Charges are proven to, by Sundrie evidences, before me,

SAMUEL FOREMAN, Col.

N. B. The s'd Oakeson is delivered to the Captain hand Cuffed.

S. F.

## SAML. CALDWELL TO DAVID RITTENHOUSE.

Philad'a, 10th Feb'y, 1777.

Sir:—I this morning waited upon the Council of Safety according to your directions, but found you were not come & nothing could be done, in the business I meant to solicit, in your absence. As I have already acquainted you with the

necessity we are in of a Block of Tin, the Bear'r Capt. Will, waits upon you for the Determination of the Board, & have only to assure the Council, thro' you, that their Complyance will be of Essential use in helping forward the Cloathing of the Continental Army.

I am very Respectfully,

Sir, Y'r mo. H'le Serv't,

SAML. CALDWELL.

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## HUGH LEMMON TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Phil'a, February 10th, 1777.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety:

Gentlemen:—The public in general having Experienced the greatest Sattisfaction through your known Veracity and Honourable proceedings, Ever dealing upon the true principles of Honour without partiality, Rests asured your Honours' Humble pititioner that you will redress the Injury done to an associator, Hugh Lemmon. I asociated the 6th day of December, 1776, with Jehu Eyre, Captain, Commanding a Company of Artilery of the philadelphia Militia and marched to Trentown Ferry, where we remain'd till the 30th of December when your Honours' pettitiner with two men more of said company were permitted to Return to philadelphia, we being rendered Incapable of Duty by the Fatauge and cold we Received in Feryin over the articles taken at Trentown, of which Sickness one of said three men has since died and myself Laye under the care of doctor, Say till within this few days. The other two men who came home by the same pass with me, having Received their Bounty and arrears, I apply'd to Capt. Eyre for mine, he refused it me, saying he had drawn none for me, under a pretence of my advising one of his Company to desert, which is false and groundless I can prove upon his finding some of the man's Effects in the waggon totally unknown to me. I was order'd Immediately Out of the Waggon, and "walk home or die on the Road and Be ———," was the speech of the gentleman my Captain on my Demanding a hearing to prove my Innocence. He bid me begone Out of his house, Otherwise

he would use me ill; worse than he has allready done is out of his power, I thank God. As his Superior Commands, He has Likewise drawn a Great Quantity of Back Rations to the amount of sixty odd pounds p'r man, of beef, with flour, rum and vegetables for such as he thought proper, but would allow me None. All this Indifference from a Captain offers poor Incouragement at a Future call to the service. Your Honours' Humble pittitiner Humbly begs that you will order Jehu Eyre with your Hon'rs pititiner to appear before one or more Gentlemen of the Hon'ble Council, To have a Clear decision of the above false accusasion, and that your Honours' pittitiner although poor, may not ly under these False, Malicious and Scandalous assertions, But through your Honours' Benevolence Receive my Due, to Enable me at a Call to Stand in my Own and the Country's Defence.

Will in Duty Bind your
Humble pittitiner To Ever pray,
HUGH LEMMON.

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## CHARLES COOKE TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

Philad'a, 12th Febr'y, 1777.

Sir:—About the 23d Ulto. I was Called before your House on suspicion only, & entered Security for my Continuance within this City & County, at which time the president promised, if nothing appeared against me in 3 or 4 Days, I shold be set at Liberty. I therefore Request you'd either grant me a final Acquittance or Priviledge of Returning home for a limited time or until Called for.

I am, Sir, Your Very Hum. Serv't,
CHARLES COOKE.

P. S. I should be glad to know whether you think General Washington's Proclamation of 25th Ulto. extends to me. If it should, in my Present situation, I am prevented from the Benefit of it either way.

I shall Chearfully attend your House when Noticed.

## PRESIDENT WHARTON TO COMMODORE SEYMOUR.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, Feb'y 15th, 1777.

Sir:—The Councill desire you will immediately order all persons imployed in the River defence to repair to Fort Island, & continue there till further orders or your particular permission; Such officers & Privates only excepted, as you may judge necessary to be detained, as guards to the boats, & for other public services.

You will also give orders to the officers commanding for the time being, to prevent any person whatever from visiting the fortifications or other works, without a written permission from yourself, or some member of this Councill.

By order of Councill.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

To Comodore Seymour.

## "THE EXPENCE OF THE INGENS."

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To 1 Gall. of spiritts, | £2 | 4 | 0 |
| To 1 Bottel, | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| To 2 wine Decanters, | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| To 18 Gall. of Sider, 2s. 8d., | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| To 11 Gall. Sider, J. C., 8s. 0d., | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| To 7 Boles Tody, | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| To 4 Dobel Boles, Do., | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| To 15 Nithes and Days hays for one horse, | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| 11 Do., | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| 8 Do., | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| 7 Do., | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | £18 | 1 | 6 |
| 2 Nithe's hay, | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | £18 | 5 | 6 |

Rec'd, Feb'y 18th, 1777, of Jas. Dean, the within Ac't in full, for Isaac Sidman.

HENRY FULLERT.

## PETER DEHAVEN TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

French Crick, February 19, 1777.

Sir:—I have sent you one Hundred & fifty Weight of Salt Peter & 40 ℔ of Manur Salt in Lew of it. I hope you will send Me About Ten Bushels of Salt, as Wee are very Much in want of at this Time. I have Agreed for 500 ℔ of Good Shingle Nales for you at two shilling per ℔, and if you are in Want of aney More Nales Please to send Me Word by the Barer What Sort. He says that he will Make 100 weight Every Week at 2s. per ℔. Plese to send Me one thousand Pound Money as we are in Debt for 300 Gun Barrels & to Pay of the Militia, and for Procuring Provition for them. I am Afraid Wee shall Loos all our Men, as Mr. lowal offers them the same Price Wee Give & will Give them there Rastions. Mr. Joseph Dalorue is at Work now for him & has Drawn Last Week 12 ℔ flower, & 12 ℔ of Beef, & 1 Quart of Rum, & one Quart Licker. Mr. Isaac Johns told me he offered him the same he Got hear & he would Draw Rashans for him, Which Will in Duce our Men to Leve us, as there familys are in Town. No more at Present, but I remain your Friend & Humble Servant,

PETER DEHAVEN.

To Mr. Thomas Wharton, Chearman, President of the Counsel of Safety.

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## THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO COL. PROCTOR.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, February 18th, 1777.

Sir:—We wrote you the 6th Instant, informing you of your appointment to the command of a Regiment of Artillery to be raised for this State, with the Rank of Colonel, to which we have received no answer. As the season for action approaches, it becomes expedient that you should return to this City immediately, to assist us in forming a proper Corps of officers, and that the Regiments be Recruited without any delay. You are,

therefore, to apply to his Excellency, General Washington, for leave to return, and we cannot doubt but you will readily receive his permission, as the necessity of it is very evident.

I am, by Order of Council, &c.,

O. BIDDLE, Chairman.

To Col. Thos. Proctor, at Morris Town.

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## ORDER TO COMMODORE SEYMOUR.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, February 19th, 1777.

Sir:—The Council having received information that a number of men in the naval service of this State are on board the Brig Delaware, Commanded by Capt. Hamilton, you are directed to order an officer from each armed Boat to search said Brig and bring away such men as they may have on Board belonging to the Fleet.

By order of Council.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

To Commodore Seymour.

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## MEMORANDUM OF PLANK BELONGING TO THE PUBLIC.

Feb'y 20th, 1777.

Plank for Gun Carriages:

At James Worrell's, 10 of 14 feet long, 22 inches wide, 6 at one & 5½ at the other edge.

16 planks, 10 feet long, 22 in's wide, 5 at one & 5½ at ye other edge.

16 planks, 10 feet long 22 inches wide, same thickness as above.

23 pieces 14 feet long, 9 by 6.

2 do. 14 feet long, 12 by 5½ inches.

3 pieces 10 feet long, 9 by 5.

4 do. 14 long, 8 by 7 inches of Poplar.

At Loxley's, near the same quantaty as above, and

18 planks, 12 feet long, 14 inches wide, 4 at one and 3 inches at ye other Edge.

At Evansses, 40 planks, 14 feet long, 21 inches wide, 6 at one & 5½ at ye other Edge; the Remainder of the Stuff nearly as Worrell's Scantling.

At Nevell's, About Seven thousand feet of Pine & Cedar boards, And 100 feet of Oake planke.

At David Pancost's, At ye Corner of Chestnut & fifth Streets,

12 planks, 12 feet long, 14 inches wide, 4 at one Edge & 3 at the other, besides a large quantity of Stuff for Carriage weels, &c.

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## RICHARD TEA TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Feb'y 21st, 1777.

Gentlemen:—I have been at a great deal of pains and trouble to draw out Colonel Hunter's Battallion (who is absent at the Assembly) in order to join General Washington, when it was the duty of every Man to show his attachment to the general cause; but the influence of the Tory's, (for I can call them nothing else,) in his Battalion, is such, that not Fifty ever met. Agreable to your orders of the 18th January last, I have sent down one Abraham Latchar, who calls himself a Menonist, and that his conscience will not let him take up Arms. But his conscience does not prevent him from riding to a Township Meeting, when they were called together, in order to make themselves ready to declare publickly that the Col. had no orders for doing what he did; nay, he went so far as to say that the present Assembly were no legal Body. As to myself, he has made it his Business to go to a publick House, and there declare he would use me ill, if any opportunity offered, for detaining his Gun, which was taken from him as a Non-associator. I have sent the witnesses with the party, and make no doubt the Council will deal with him in a proper manner. There is a number of others, but for want of evidence and people to take them, I am afraid they will escape, who deserve to be confined.

I have a letter from the Speaker of the House, requesting me to go down and take my seat in the Council of the State, but cannot think of leaving my family in the humour the People are in at this time. If some method is not taken to make this Battallion do their duty, I must resign.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Serv't,
RICH. TEA.

The Hon'ble Council of Safety.

Testes v: A. Latschar,
John Millar,
Peter Zell,
Sebastian Lentz.
Test. v: Dan'l Berlick,
Conrad Leffler.

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## GEN. JAMES EWING TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

Susquehanna, Feb'y the 22d, 1777.

D'r Sir:—I received yours of the 14th, but not before the 19th Instant. My unfortunate Brother would have set of immediately to deliver himself up to the Council of Safety, agreeable to the order therein contained, but was prevented by a Lameness in one of his Horses. I hope three or Four Days added to his short enlargm't will not increase the Ungenerous Clamours rais'd against him by the persecuting Populace. His case is certainly a Very hard One; many People fully as Culpable as him, (and as Void of Honnour,) has been Enlarged on their Parole, all which, I find, is to be denied him, tho' Backed with High Security. I am confident he has not violated the Engagements entered into; which makes receiving the Indulgence he has lately met with apear still Harder.

My knowledge of you, Sir, & Several others of the Gentlemen of the Council, whose sentiments would lead them to acts of Humanity, induces me to expect that my Brother will meet w't all the Indulgence necessary for the recovery of his lost Helth.

I would be glad to have the recognizance I entered into on his account sent me; it can be no longer binding, and of course Useless to your Council.

I am, Sir, with the Highest Esteem,

Your most Humble Serv't,

JAMES EWING.

To Thomas Wharton, Esq'r.

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## RETURN OF CANNON AND STORES AT FORT ISLAND.

A General Return of Iron Ordinance & Ammunition with utensils & Stores for twenty-four Pounders, Six Eighteen Pounders & Sixteen Eight Pounders.

Fort Island, Febru'y 22d, 1777.

| | Qual. | Quan. |
|---|---|---|
| Iron Cannon Mounted on field Carriages, ..... | 24 | 3 |
| Do. Not Mounted, ..... | 24 | 1 |
| Do. Mounted on field Carriages, ..... | 18 | 5 |
| Do. Mounted on do. Ship, .. | 18 | 1 |
| Do. Mounted on do. do. .. | 8 | 15 |
| Do. Mounted on do. do. .. | 8 | 1 |
| Ship Carriages, Spare, ..... | | 2 |
| Field Carriages, Spare, ..... | | 1 |
| Beds & Quoins, ..... | | 6 |
| Rammers & Spunges, ..... | 32 | 8 |
| | 22 | 5 |
| | 18 | 27 |
| | 8 | 61 |
| | 4 | 1 |
| Wad hooks & Ladles, ..... | 24 | 4 |
| | 18 | 23 |
| | 8 | 32 |
| Handspikes, Shod, ..... | | 10 |
| Do. not Shod, ..... | | 64 |
| Iron Crows with Claws & Pointed, ..... | | 3 |
| Hammers, ..... | | 10 |
| | 32 | 8 |
| Wooden Cartridge Boxes & Covers, ..... | 18 | 6 |
| | 8 | 32 |
| Budge Barrells, ..... | | 26 |

| | Qual. | Quan. |
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| Ship Match, | | 50C. |
| Lint Stocks, Loaded, & Prim'd, | | 34 |
| Port fire Stocks. | | |
| Apron of Lead with Lanyards, | | 25 |
| Some Span Sheet Lead. | | |
| Tompkins, with Straps & Collars, | | |
| Do. without, | | 27 |
| Tin Tubes Prim'd & Cap'd. | | |
| Round Shott fixed with Caps & flannel Cartridges, | | |
| Grape Shott fixed with blocks Pins, | 18 | 160 |
| And Quilted, | 8 | 23 |
| Round Shot spare to use with, | 22 | 1,578 |
| Wads, | 18 | 1,688 |
| | 8 | 1,935 |
| Barr Shott Spare, | 22 | 149 |
| | 18 | 195 |
| | 32 | 204 |
| Wads make out of old Junk, | 18 | 901 |
| To proper Sizes, | 8 | 1,230 |
| Gins for Mounting Cannon, | | 1 |
| Height Boards for Wads. | | |
| Callibers. | | |
| Copper Powder Measures, | | 1 Sett. |
| Gunners' Quadrant & Plummets, | | |
| Hand Granadoes & fuzes. | | |
| Charg'd Prim'd & Cap'd, | | |
| Gunners' Powder Horns, | | 32 |
| Primeing Irons, | | 24 |
| Jack Screws, | | 1 |
| Span Sheepskins Dress'd in Alum, | | 10 |
| Dark Lanthorns, | | 1 |
| Common do. | | 4 |
| Powder remaining in Magazine, (Barrels,) | | 9 |
| | | 24½A. |
| Cartridges Fill'd, | 18 | 170 |
| | 8 | 200 |
| Empty Sartridge Boxes, | 32 | 380 |
| | 24 | 650 |
| | 18 | 100 |
| | 8 | 1,750 |
| Twine for Quilting Grape, | | 4C. |
| Marlin, (Skains,) | | 20 |
| Traverseing Handspikes, | | 12 |

| | Qual. | Quan. |
|---|---|---|
| Tann'd Hides, | | 9 |
| Spikes for, | 18 | 24 |
| Spikes for, | 8 | 33 |
| Bottoms with Pins for Grape, | 32 | 120 |
| Do. do. | 8 | 68 |
| Scrapers, | | 1 |
| Leather Pouches, | 6 | 6 |
| Tin Water Potts, | | 1 |
| ¾ Barrells Tarr. | | |
| ¼ Barrell Grease. | | |
| 2 Boxes with Some Musk., Card'gs, | | |
| Spy Glasses, | | 1 |
| Speaking Trumpets, | | 1 |

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## MEMORIAL OF BRITISH DESERTERS.

State Prison, Febr'y 26th, 1777.

The Hon'ble The Council of Safety:

Gentlemen:—We, the Subscribers, having sometime past made our escape from the British Army, with an Intent of Suing for the Protection of his Excellency, General Washington, at Head Quarters, were conducted to Philadelphia Under Guard, with a Number of Prisoners of War but were under no apprehension of being deprived of our Liberty untill We arived at this Place, Where, on the 7th Inst., We were Locked up, and continue under disagreable Confinement. We would, therefore, Pray Your Honorable Board Would be pleased to take into Consideration the unhappy situation of

Your most obedient
Humble Servants,

JOHN BAWEN,
ROBT. HAMBLETON,
DENNIS CANADAY,
CHARLES COX,
DUNCAN McFARLAND.

## ORDER TO CAPTAIN LEVIS.

In Council of Safety,

Philadelphia, February 27th, 1777.

His Excellency, Governor Livingston, of the State of New Jersey, having authorized Captain Joseph Levis to take under his care sundry Prisoners sent from that State to this City, and were afterwards ordered to Frederick Town, in the State of Maryland, The said Captain Levis is hereby permitted to proceed to Frederick Town, Maryland, with his Guard, and to receive into his Custody the Prisoners sent there by this Council.

By order of Council.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

## COMPLAINT OF STEPHEN PHIPPS AGAINST WM. CRAIG FOR REFUSING MONEY.

Philadelphia, March, 1777.

In September last I call'd on Wm. Craig, Merchant of this City, to Pay him a debt that I owed him. The Clark told me that Wm. Craig would send the Acc't in next day. The Acc't did not come. Meeting a friend of his, I told him of it; he made answer that W. Craig told him that he had more Continental Money than he knew what to do with. About the 17th Decem'r I call'd again on him to settle it with. I, at the same time haveing his Acc't, he Refused receiving the money. I insisted to pay him, but parted without settling. On the 4th of January, 1777, he sent his Clark with the Acc't and Interest. I offered the money as it was due in Septem'r, which he Refused, & desired me to call on Mr. Craig. On my way to his house I met Mr. Craig & told him that I was going to his house to settle with him. "To settle," says he, "you Dog, you D—— Rascle, I will give you a licking for the Interest," catching hold of my hair with one hand & puting his Fist in my face, Repeating the same words for near 100 yards dis-

tance. I desired him not to use me Ill, for I would not take it off him. He then Pushed me off & Coming up to me knocked me down and struck me divers times while down, which, with his Beating my Face & head, was very much Bruised. I got up and made some Resistance, but off no effect. Some people was gathered about us; he told them I ow'd him money & would not pay him; I told him to tell the truth, that was, he did not like Continental money; he then push'd off, saying he would horse whip me werever he met me.

STEPHEN PHIPPS.

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## COL. PENROSE TO THE PRESIDENT.

Philadelphia Barracks, March 7, 1777.

Gentlemen:—The Field Officers Rank being settled, and Colonel Johnston taking Rank before me, who has not been appointed to a Regiment above Ten days, and most of the Council no that when I first came to Philadelphia from Camp, I offered to give the Regiment up to Colonel Johnston, and it was not excepted of—and now to be commanded by him, Is what I cannot think of putting up with as an officer. You'll please to consider the Tenth Regiment as being without a Colonel. Gentlemen, I am much obliged to you for the honour you did me, in appointing me to the Regiment, in the beginning, and shall be ever acknowledg'd, by your very humble servant.

JOSEPH PENROSE.

To the Honorable President and Council.

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## COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO ROBERT ERWIN.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, 8th March, 1777.

Sir:—You are requested to engage forty-five waggons with four horses & a driver to each for to remove the Public Stores

from this City to such place or places as may be directed. They must provide their own forage. They shall be paid thirty shillings per day for each waggon with 4 horses & a driver, finding their fodder from the time they set off from their respective homes until they are discharged by you, with a reasonable allowance of time for them to return home. A waggon Master is allowed for every 15 waggons, who is to be allowed 15s. per day, and to be on his qualification a form of w'ch with an obligation for them to sign are inclosed. These waggons are to be obtain'd as near the City as you conveniently can. If you cannot procure the waggons on the above Terms, you must use your best discretion in the Business.

THOS. WHARTON, Jun., Pres't.

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## THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO COL. PROCTOR.

In Council of Safety,
Philad'a, March 8th, 1777.

Sir:—The Council think it absolutely necessary for the Public service that you should immediately return to the City.

Mr. Strohzogh being appointed Lieutenant Colonel to your Reg't, will render your Presence at Camp least necessary than it has been, as the Command of the Artillery will of course devolve upon him, and the Council have so good an opinion of him as to think the service will not suffer by your absence.

We need not point out to you the necessity of many matters being Carried into Execution, they must be sufficiently obvious to you. We therefore desire you will return directly after the receipt of this.

I am, your very Humble Serv't,
By Order of Council,
O. BIDDLE, Chairman.

To Col. Thos. Proctor.

## COL. WM. COOKE TO THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

Camp at Matouchin, 10th March, 1777.

Gentlemen:—Capt'n John Harris having applyed to Gen'l Washington for a Majority, has thought proper to leave my Reg't, therefore Lieut. Stephen Chambers is intitled to be preferr'd to his Company. As my Reg't is near the Enemy's lines, we are every week Scrimageing with them. It is very necessary that his Commission should be immediately sent to him, particularly as sev'l of my officers are recruiting. It is the opinion of my Officers and me that Lieut. Edward M'Cabe should be preferred from being a second Lieut. to a first, as he has on Several occasions shown himself worthy of that or any other favour that can be conferred on him. Ensign Thos. Hamilton to be preferred to a second Lieut. I hope their commissions will be dated on this day, as I intend making them do duty in these stations. Doctor Ledley wants his Commission, with a Warrant for Sam'l Woodruff, who has been appointed his mate. They can be sent with the other Commissions, by Mr. Rob't Levers, our paymaster, who, I suppose is in Philad'a, or any other person you think proper.

I am, Gent'n,

Your very humble Serv't,

WM. COOKE, Col.

Hon'ble Coun'l of Safety.

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## MEMORIAL OF JAMES SMITH TO ADOPT THE INDIAN MODE OF FIGHTING.

March 10th, 1777.

To the Honourable Executive Council of the Common Welth of pennsylvania:

The memorial of James Smith humbly sheweth:

That the Indien Method of fighting has a surprising Effect of diminishing the numbers of the Enemy, who are unacquainted with it; That your memorialest having been Prisoner

nearly five years among the Indiens, and many years acquainted with thire method of fighting, while engaged in Repelling thire invasions of our frunteers in the late wars, and having lately, by the order of General Washington, Experienced the Effiacy of this method of war, your memorialest is humbly of opinion that it would be of great utility in Repelling the unnatural invasion of Great Britton, to have a Batalion of Riflemen to anoy the Enemy on thire marches, and that if this honorable Council would authorize him, he Could in a very Short time Raise a Battalion of Choise men, good marks men, and well acquainted with the Business, who should think it thire honour to Render thire Counterey an Essential Sarvice at this Critical Conjunction of Publick affairs. Your memorialest, therefore humbly Prays that he may be impow'red by our honourable Body to Raise such a Batalion, to be Solely under his erection, while he acts in subordination to the Laws and Commands of his Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. And your memorialest, as in Duty bound, shall watch, fight and pray.

JAMES SMITH.

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## PRINTING ACCOUNT OF THE COUNCIL—1777.

The Honorable the Council of Safety,

To Styner & Cist:

| 1776. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| October | 18. | To print'g 60 Letters concerning Hessians, ..... | £0 10 0 |
| November | 30. | To print'g 300 Handbills about ye Taking up of Denover, ..... | 0 15 0 |
| Decem'r | 6. | To print'g 4,000 Certificates, ..... | 4 0 0 |
| | 12. | To 1,000 Copies of resolves of ye 7th of December, ..... | 2 5 0 |
| | 24. | To print'g 100 Handbills, E. & Germ., about Quartering of Troops, ..... | 0 15 0 |
| | 31. | To print'g 300 Copies of ye Assembly's Address in English, ..... | 0 15 0 |

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| 1776. | | | | | |
| Decem'r | 31. | To print'g 300 Copies of ye Assembly's Address in German, ..... | £0 | 15 | 0 |
| 1777. | | | | | |
| January | 22. | To printing 500 Handbills about Quartering of Troops, E. & Germ., | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| | | Cash p'd for sticking up 200 of ye above Bills, ..... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | 26. | Reprinting 1,000 Handbills about Quartering of Troops, E. & Germ., | | 110 | 0 |
| February | 18. | 162 Copies of ye Crisis, n'r 1, ..... | 0 | 17 | 6 |
| | | 252 do. of do. n'r 2, ..... | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| | | | £16 | 5 | 6 |

Passed in Council of Safety, Philad'a, March 13th, 1777.

DAV'D RITTENHOUSE, V. Pres'd.

To John M. Nesbitt, Esq.

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## JACOB LOSCH TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Philadelphia, March 14th, 1777.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety:

The Memorial of Jacob Losch, of Lower Merion, in Philadelphia County, powder maker, humbly representing:

That your Memorialist immediately after agreement made for manufacturing Gunpowder for this State, began to erect and has since compleatly finished a Mill and Works for that purpose, which has cost him near £400. That agreeable to his contract, he was to have Eight Ton of Saltpetre, but has received but 5 Ton, which includes the Tare or weight of the Casks. That he has worked up the greatest part of the said 5 Tons, but has no Brimstone to work up the Quantity of Saltpetre left.

That your Memorialist expected and was promised to be furnished with the said articles, so as to enable him by his returns, to relieve himself of the Expenses he has been at in erecting the said Mill and Works—but has the mortification that now, when the water is plenty, he has not a sufficiency

of Saltpetre and Brimstone. That he has been and laid himself under great expenses in building s'd Mill; has a large Family to maintain, who as well as himself, must be great sufferers unless some assistance shall be given him.

He humbly prayeth your Honorable Board will be pleased to order that he may receive more Saltpetre & Brimstone, so that he may be enabled to procure by his work, a Livelihood for himself and family. And your memorialist, as in duty, &c.

JACOB LOSCH.

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## LIEUT. JOHN SCOTT TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

Little Britain Township,
Lancaster County, Penn'a.,
March 19th, 1777.

Worthy Sir:—I Congratulate you on being Chosen Chief Magistrate for this State, trusting in your Unsuspected fidelity and a generous love to Virtue, Equity and a Due Administration of Law and Justice; and as the Natural rights of mankind are Dispenced through this District and We enjoying a Liberty of choosing our Officers, which, by a resolve of Assembly, the 10th Day of March was appointed for Electing two of our Body, which was accordingly performed, and, to our Surprise. Capt. Thomas Whiteside was proclaimed one of the members to be returned for the Magistracy who is a man of such principles and conduct as appears Inimical to the welfare of the States in General, for Last Summer when the Militia were call'd, he march'd with his company to Philadelphia, drew one month pay for himself and his friends and returned home. Likewise when the members of Assembly were chosen, he declar'd, Upon Oath, that he would do nothing prejudicial to the States; Yet notwithstanding, regardless of a sacred Oath and the Strong ties of Virtue and Honour, at a time when our General and his little army, (of which I was one,) was fleeing before a merciless and Cruel Enemy and the Militia requested by the Council of Safety to come to the Assistance of their pursued Brethren, He appeared once more with his

Company at Philadelphia, and the time being appointed for their march into the Jerseys, he Drew one Month's pay for himself and fellow partners in Iniquity and so returned to their respective Dwellings, there to Enjoy the fruit of their Labour. But not to be too troublesome to your Excellencie, I send you this only as a part of the Crimes he is Guilty of, which, If I would enter into a detail, would swell into a large Volume, take up your Honour's time and tire your patience. The other Gentleman that was chosen, Mr. Patrick Ewing, is possessed of that Virtue and reguard for Justice that he is not only Beloved by his relations but revered by his Acquaintance.

Dear Sir, I submit to your Just Determination, and conclude with the utmost Respect, Your Excellencie's faithful Humble Serv't,

JOHN SCOTT, Lieut.

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## SECOND REPRESENTATION OF OFFICERS OF THE TENTH REGIMENT.

March 25th, 1777.

To His Excellency, Thomas Wharton, Esq., president of the Supreme Executive Council, Capt. General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State of Pennsylvania:

The Memorial of a number of the officers of the Tenth Pa. Regiment Most Respectfully Sheweth:

That we esteem the honor you did in confering in Council with and assuring us of your good disposition towards us as a particular mark of your favour, attention to our Rights, and the good of the Public Cause. It is with the utmost regret we still find the will of the Honorable the Council of Safety and our honor to Clash. For as our Regimental Arrangements was fixed the 4th Day of December last, the Reservation clause (of the Resolve Refer'd to in our remonstrance) will not save our honor as a Core, unless, not only your Excellency, But also the officers of the other Regiments, among whom we have the honor to serve, Be Convinced, that there is no officer in our Regiment worthy of being promoted to a Majority; and it would be a great Reflection against the Judgment

of that Council to suppose they would appoint such a Core in any Regiment. Exclusive of this, it would fix a precedent destructive of the subordination of Inferior officers to their imediate superiors, Discouraging to enterprising Men, who have few friends (or too much spirit to be burthensome,) and be pregnant with Dishonor to the greatest part of the Military officers in this State.

The motives that first induced us to enter the service was, attachment to the Cause, Preferment, Rank, and honor, according to Seniority, and our Military merit. We have contended, and still mean to contend, For our rights and privaledges, at home and abroad, against all infringements, whether foreign or domestick. As was remark'd in our Remonstrance, our Endeavour hither to has been to merit your esteem as Gentlemen, and honor as your officers; upon these principles we are anxious of serving and beg a continuance. But if our Rank is not secured after all our Exertions, we will not sacrifise our Honor, tho' It should put us to the disagreeable necessity of quitting the service, which is far from being our desire. We, therefore, humbly beg your Excellency, and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council, Would take this matter into Consideration and give us an immediate and Explicit answer which will determin us in our future conduct.

GEORGE CALHOUN, Capt.
WILLIAM WIRTZ, Captain.
T. McFARRAN, 1st. Lieut.
JACOB STAKE, Lt.
SAMUEL BOUDE, Ensign.
WM. ORR, Eng'n.
THOMAS SHANKS, Eng'n.
FRANCIS ADAMS, Lieut.

Signed in name & Behalf of Capt's Cox, Semple, & Stout, & Lieut. Frieslar & Hargis, & Ensign Cole.

JAS. LANG, Capt.

Indorsed:

Read in Council March 26, 1777. Ordered That the arrangement of the s'd Battalion be confirmed.

## GEN. JAMES EWING TO GEN. ROBERDEAU.

Susquehanna, March the 29th, 1777.

D'r Sir:—The inclosed letter which I rec'd from my Unfortunate Brother will be a sufficient apology (to a person of your Humanity) for the liberty I am about to take. I could not expect, after which I have heard you say concerning him, that you would Interest your self in his Favour, unless his present situation, (which I believe he has not Exagerated,) should plead for him.

If the Congress should incline to Indulge him, in the manner that he says he has reasons to hope, and will not take his own parole, which I am certain might be relied on, I am ready to enter into any reasonable Engagement for him.

Your moveing in Congress to consider his case and afford him the Expected reliefe will lay me under the greatest Obligation.

I am, Sir, with the Highest Esteem,
Your Most Humble Servant,
JAMES EWING.

To Gen. Roberdeau.

## RETURN OF STORES ISSUED AT THE BARRACKS—1777.

Philad'a Barracks,
March ye 31st, 1777.

A Return of Wood and Candles Issued out at the Barracks, from the 25th of March to the 1st of April:

| | No. of Officers. | No. of Privates. | Cords of Wood. | lbs. of Candles. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. Phile, 4 weeks, ..... | | | 1 | |
| Col. Melcher, B. M. G., ..... | | | ½ | |
| To Peal Hall, ..... | | | 1½ | |
| Hessian Prisoners, ..... | | | 1 | |
| Capt. David Pancost, ..... | | 24 | ½ | ½ |
| The officers of the Ship Champ., | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Capt. Charles Souder, ..... | 3 | 18 | ¾ | 1½ |

| | No. of Officers. | No. of Privates. | Cords of Wood. | lbs. of Candles. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maj. Jam's Benezet, ..... | | 73 | ¼ | |
| Capt. Tho. Nelson, of the 1st V. R., ..... | | 70 | 1½ | 1½ |
| Lieut. Col. Ad. Hubley, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Col. Jam's Irvin, ..... | 4 | 40 | 2 | 5 |
| Capt. Smith, ..... | | 27 | ¾ | |
| Henry Steits, Q'r M'r, ..... | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Rob. Dougherty, Q'r M'r, ..... | | 10 | ¼ | ½ |
| Capt. Wm. Johnson, 11th V. R., | | | 1½ | 1½ |
| Capt. Stout, ..... | 2 | 11 | ½ | 1½ |
| Capt. Henry Shade, ..... | | 14 | ½ | 1½ |
| Capt. Cox, ..... | 2 | 4 | ¼ | 1½ |
| Capt. Connoly, ..... | 2 | 18 | ¾ | 1½ |
| Capt. Wm. Wirtz, ..... | 1 | 11 | ½ | 1½ |
| Col. Wood's Reg't, ..... | 3 | 117 | 3¾ | 5½ |
| Capt. Isaac Coren, ..... | 4 | 12 | ½ | 1½ |
| The Congress own Reg't, ..... | 5 | 230 | 5 | 6 |
| Capt. Dawson, ..... | 2 | 18 | ¾ | 1½ |
| Capt. John Douglass, ..... | | 10 | ¼ | ½ |
| Col. Nagel, 6 weeks, ..... | | | 1 | 4 |
| Capt. Davis, ..... | 2 | 9 | ½ | 1½ |
| Capt. Bowman, ..... | 1 | 13 | ½ | 1½ |
| Capt. M. Henderson, ..... | 2 | 8 | ½ | 1 |
| Capt. Bradford, ..... | 2 | 12 | ½ | 1½ |
| Surg. Abel Morgan, ..... | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Capt. M. Kisik, ..... | | 10 | ¼ | ½ |
| Adj't Thos. Lucas, ..... | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Adj't Heddrik, ..... | 2 | 10 | ½ | 1½ |
| Capt. Coats, ..... | 2 | 9 | ½ | 1½ |
| Capt. Wm. Henderson, ..... | | 10 | ¼ | ½ |
| Capt. Scull, ..... | | 10 | ¼ | ½ |
| Capt. Lang, ..... | 2 | 10 | ½ | 1½ |
| Capt. Jn. Nelson, ..... | | 40 | ¾ | 1 |
| Lieut. Walborn, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Capt. Mullen, of the Marines, .. | 3 | 50 | 1¼ | 2 |
| Major F. Mentges, 2 Weeks, ... | | | ½ | 1 |
| Lieut. Tho. Burd, ..... | | | ½ | |
| Capt. Craig, of the Troop, ..... | | 36 | 1 | 2 |
| Capt. Moore Fauntleroy, ..... | | 20 | ½ | |
| Capt. Sam. Moore, ..... | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Capt. Joseph Stiles, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| March 26th. | | | | |
| Doct'r David Love, ..... | | 36 | 1½ | 2 |

| | No. of Officers. | No. of Privates. | Cords of Wood. | lbs. of Candles. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Capt. Stoner, ..... | | 6 | ¼ | |
| Capt. Gibbs Jones, ..... | | 17 | ½ | ½ |
| Newman, Surg's Mate, ..... | | | ¾ | |
| General Gates, Esq'r, ..... | | | 1½ | |
| Doct. Bankson, ..... | | | 3 | |
| Dickinson House, ..... | | | 7 | |
| Galloway House, ..... | | | 6½ | |
| The Blew House, ..... | | | 1½ | |
| Capt. Wm. Croghan, ..... | | 40 | 3 | 2 |
| Col. Phibecker, ..... | | | 1 | 2 |
| Capt. Kirkwood, ..... | 6 | | ¼ | 1 |
| Capt. Kisher, of Artificiers, .... | 1 | 30 | ¾ | 2 |
| Serj't Dollis, of the 2nd P. R.,.. | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Capt. Bankson, ..... | | 10 | ¼ | ½ |
| Lieut. Wm. White, ..... | 3 | | 1½ | 1 |
| Capt. Jn. Doyle, ..... | 2 | 28 | 1 | 2 |
| Doct. Jn. Phile, Hospital, ..... | | | 2½ | |
| March 27th. | | | | |
| To Peal Hall, ..... | | | 3 | |
| Capt. H. Johnston, ..... | | 56 | ½ | |
| Capt. Jn. Douglass, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Major Ottendorf, ..... | 2 | 8 | ½ | 1½ |
| Ensign Erasmus Gill, ..... | | 30 | ¾ | 1 |
| Capt. Hopkins, of the Troop,... | | 7 | ¼ | ½ |
| Wm. Calhoon, ..... | | 6 | ¼ | |
| Capt.Jesse Roe,of the Artificiers, | 3 | 36 | 1¼ | 2 |
| Adj't Wright, of 10 P. R., 4 weeks, ..... | | | 1 | 4 |
| The Schooner Lydia, ..... | | | ½ | 1 |
| Col. Wood, Recruits, ..... | | 17 | ½ | ½ |
| Ens. Norton, of the 2nd R. R.,.. | | | ¼ | |
| Capt. M.Wert, of the Sloop Sally, | | | ½ | 1 |
| Col. Francis Gurney, ..... | | | 1½ | |
| The 2nd Virg. Reg't, ..... | | 120 | 3 | 1 |
| Col. Antel, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Capt. Redman, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Congress own Reg't, ..... | | | 1½ | |
| Aj. Lucas, of the D. B., ..... | | | | 2 |
| March 28th. | | | | |
| Capt. And'r Hynes, of the 7 M. R., ..... | | | 1½ | 2 |
| Isaac Beal, ..... | | | | |
| Capt. Wm. Smith, ..... | | | ¼ | |

| | No. of Officers. | No. of Privates. | Cords of Wood. | lbs. of Candles. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adj't Boss, of Col. Wood R., ... | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Lieut. Wm. Stark, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Mrs. Sutton, in Lieu of so much to the Lancast'r Militia, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Col. Humpton, ..... | | | ½ | |
| Capt. Johnson of the 11 V. R.,. | 3 | 48 | 1½ | 2 |
| Doct. Young & 2 Mates, ..... | | | ¾ | 2 |
| Capt. Steers, ..... | | | | 2 |
| Doct. Brown, ..... | | | ¼ | 1 |
| Wm. Holten of the Marines, ... | | | ½ | |
| Q'r M'r Smith, of Col. Wood,... | | | ½ | 1 |
| Capt. Nath. Irish, ..... | | 40 | 1 | 1½ |
| Col. Tho. Nelson, of the 1st V. R., ..... | | | 1½ | |
| March 29th. | | | | |
| Capt. Scull, of the 11 P. R.,..... | | 24 | ¼ | |
| Col. Henry Baker, ..... | | | ¼ | |
| Lieut. Warring, of the 5th V. R., | | 35 | ¼ | ½ |
| Capt. Sam. Moore, ..... | 3 | | ¼ | |
| Capt. Wilkinson, of Col. Proctor, | 3 | | ¾ | |
| Col. Wood, Officiers, ..... | 3 | | ¼ | |
| Capt. Liboy, of the Congress own Reg't, ..... | 5 | 66 | 4 | 2 |
| Lieut. Foreman, 10th P. Reg't,. | | | ¼ | |
| Capt. M. Sadler, 2 weeks, ..... | 3 | 40 | 2½ | 3 |
| The Commissary Store, ..... | | | ¾ | |
| Capt. Moore Fauntleroy, ..... | | | ¾ | 1 |
| Capt. Ashmead, ..... | | | 1½ | |
| Col. Patton's Reg't, ..... | 4 | 24 | ¾ | 2½ |
| Capt. Roman, ..... | | 15 | ½ | |
| General Gates, Esq., ..... | | | ½ | |
| Adj't Thompson, 5 weeks, ..... | | | 1¼ | 5 |
| The Hessian prisoners, ..... | | | ¾ | 1 |
| March 30th. | | | | |
| Col. Wood Reg't, ..... | | | 2 | |
| The 2nd Virg. Reg't, ..... | | 80 | 2 | |
| Galloway House, ..... | | | 3 | |
| The Congress own Reg't, ..... | | | 6 | 6 |
| Adj't Thomas Lucas, ..... | | 17 | ¼ | ½ |
| March 31st. | | | | |
| Capt. Thos. Moore, ..... | 3 | | ¼ | |

| | No. of Officers. | No. of Privates. | Cords of Wood. | lbs. of Candles. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Doct. Phile, Hospital, ..... | | | 3 | |
| Capt. Dorsey, of Troop, ..... | | 40 | 1 | 2 |
| | | 1,830 | 124½ | 126 |

HENRY WYNKOOP, A. B. M. G.

Gent.:—I send you a return of Wood and Candles Issued last Week.

ISAAC MELCHER, B. M. G.

A Return of Wood and Candles Issued out at the Barrack to the State of Pennsylvania from the 25th March to the 1st of April, 1777.

| | No. of Officers. | No. of Privates. | Cords of Wood. | lbs. of Candles. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Convention Galley, ..... | 3 | 19 | ¾ | ½ |
| City Guards, ..... | | | ¾ | |
| Dickenson Galley, ..... | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| March 27th. | | | | |
| The Ranger Galley, ..... | | | ¾ | |
| The Guard Boat, ..... | | | ½ | |
| March 28th. | | | | |
| City Guards, ..... | | | ½ | |
| Washington Galley, ..... | | | 1 | |
| March 29th. | | | | |
| City Guards, ..... | | | 1¾ | |
| March 31st. | | | | |
| General Gates City Guard,..... | | | ¾ | |
| | | 62 | 8¾ | 2½ |

| | Cords of Wood. | lbs. of Candles |
|---|---|---|
| Total for the Continental Service, ..... | 124½ | 126 |
| For the State, ..... | 8¾ | 2½ |
| | 133¼ | 128½ |

HENRY WYNKOOP, A. B. M. G.

Philad'a Barracks, March ye 31st, 1777.

## EXAMINATION OF LUKE KEATING.

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Pennsylvania War Office,
Philadelphia, April 2d, 1777.

Q. What is your name?
A. Luke Keating.
Q. Are you a marr'd man?
A. Yes.
Q. Where do you live?
A. I live in the County.
Q. How long since you left the City?
A. The 9th or 10th Dec'r last.
Q. In what employ are you now?
A. In none at present, lives near the rising sun.
Q. What have you foll'd since you left the City?
A. I sell a little sugar & Indigo.
Q. How long have you resid'd where you now live?
A. Ever since I left the City.
Q. Have you been riding no part in the County?
A. No, I have been unwell lately.
Q. Do you know one Bullen?
A. No.
Q. How long since you were in ye Jerseys?
A. I think in Aug't at Millstone, at Mr. Mercer's Father's.
Q. Did you go by Basking ridge?
A. No.
Q. Have you any other name than Luke Keating?
A. No.
Q. Were you ever at N. York?
A. No, never in my life.
Q. How long have you been in this County?
A. * * * * * *
Q. Do you know one Shepherd?
A. Yes, he keeps a Livery Stable in Mark't Street.
Q. Had you any dealings with Shepherd?
A. No, none particular.
Q. Do you know Mrs. O'Bryan?
A. No.
Q. Do you know Mrs. M'Kay?
A. No.
Q. Do you know a person of the name of Molesworth?

A. No.

Q. Do you know any other of your name?

A. Yes, a deserter who lives at Riffet's, don't know him.

Q. Did he come from N. York lately?

A. No, I believe not.

Q. Do you know any person of the name of Warren?

A. No.

Q. You say you have not been in the Jerseys since Mr. Lawrence sent you?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Jos. Thomas?

A. No, except Tho's on 2d Street.

Q. You say there was a person as Clerk with Mr. Fisher?

A. Yes, but never spoke with him.

Ord'd to withdraw.

If Luke Keating can bring to this Board witness that he was not from home, from the 1st to the 20th March last, he will be discharg'd.

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## THE WHIG SOCIETY TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

Philadelphia, April 5th, 1777.

At a meeting of the Whig Society held in the usual place on Friday Evening the fourth day of April, 1777:

Mr. Charles W. Peale in the Chair.

Voted that the Chairman be requested to confer with the Honourable the Board of War, and make inquirie whether it might not contribute much to the peace and safety of this state if an Office was established and advertised in all the papers, at which ever person coming into the City should call and give a proper account of him or herself, take a ticket signifying their appearance there, and on their departure, receive a passport from said office in order to recommend themselves as honest Citizens to all our Brethren whithersoever they may afterwards travel.

Voted that the Chairman be requested to wait upon the Honourable board of War and suggest to them the danger of having our Cannon spiked up, and communicate to the board

a proposal of a member of the society, that the Cannon may be secured by an apron of Wrought Iron, having a pin in the middle fitting the touch hole, and joined hoop to go from the apron around the britch of the Gun and fastened by a Padlock, of which the officer of the Park should keep the key and examine the artillery at proper intervals.

Extract from the minutes, by

THO. YOUNG, Sec'y.

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## COL. BIDDLE TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Pennsylvania War Office,
7th April, 1777.

Dear Sir:—Colonel John Shee has consented to act as a member of this board, if your honorable Council should approve of him. I do request you will send us the nomination that he may take his seat. If you should think proper, the board may be reappointed, and the new commission furnished them.

I am your friend & Serv't,

OWEN BIDDLE.

Members of the Board of War:

Mr. Rittenhouse,
Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Dean,
Mr. Bach,
Mr. Shee.

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## PERSONS IN PHILADELPHIA REFUSING TO MARCH.

A List of those Persons that Refuse to go to camp till they are Compelled.

Baltes Emerick, Baker, in Market Street, the Corner of Seventh Street.

John Heyl, in fourth street, near Market Street.

George Michal Heck, Cooper, the Corner of apple Tree alley, in fourth street.

John Bach, in Second Street, above Vine Street, a gunsmith.

Daniel Frishmuth, in fifth street, opposite the 14 Chimneys.

John Schneider, in New Street, between second and third Street.

John Quantle, in Vine Street, between fourth and fifth Street.

Peter Draiss, in third Street near Church ally.

Nicholas Hartsbach, in Water street, near Walnut street, Ceder Cooper.

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## HENRY REYNOLDS TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

April 17th Day, 1777.

The Humble Petition of Henry Reynolds, Now Confined In Philadelphia New Joal, Plainly Sheweth:

That I have Been Illy Treated By one James Stidman, Lieuft., Taken Prisoner at West Nottingham, and then Conveyed To Lancaster Joal, & from thence I was Removed to Philadelphia New Joal, where I Now am Confin'd, without the Least offence To the States of America, and I humbly appeal To the Honourable Board of War for A hearing, hoaping That your honours will Take my Distressed Case In to Consideration, hoaping that I may Get Clear From my Confinement, and your humble Petitioner will for Ever Be In Duty Bounty To Pray.

HENRY REYNOLDS.

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## GERARD IRVINE TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

April the 17th, 1777.

Gentlemen:—I should never have troubled this Board with a Petition, or a line from me on any ac't, had not Colenal

Joseph Dean, yesterday, at the Goal door, Asked me why I did not come out. I now beg leave to know on what terms. If they are the same made me in General Armstrong's letter, I must say I fear I must lay here 'till relieved by the hand of Providence. He wrote me the Board of War had agreed to release me, on Condition I immediately went on board a Frigate, to sail the 10th or 11th past, and pay for the things said to be taken from the House or Houses who are my accusers. To the first answer, I have, since this war begun, been seven months at sea, during which time I experienced every hardship, resolved never more to trust an Element that had like to have cost me my life, and no recompense for my trouble. As to paying for anything lost by them people, I freely answer, was I willing I am at present not able, as since my confinm't I have been oblidg'd to sell and pledge part of my close and the little furniture belonging to my wife, who is denied the Liberty often of even speaking to me at the gate. General Armstrong's next Message to me, by Mr. Thos. Irwin, of this City, was, I might go a board the Frigate without paying for anything, And Mr. Biddle would recommend me to Capt. Alexander as a Midshipman, which had I accepted I was no ways Quallified for. I have but one proposal to make to this Board, Viz: If they might again think me worthy of my appointment, I will fill the place with honour, and, if my fate so ordains, die like a soldier in their service; or, if that's not agreeable, I will again serve as a Volunteer in the Artillery or any Other Marching Comp'y, but my delight would be to serve in the Light Horse, and, by an advertisement in the papers, must say I am as well Quallified for serving in the Character described as any person, as I can give sufficient proofs of my Abilities in the Management of Horses, likewise of the Back and Small Sword. If the Board think proper to comply with either of these offers, I am willing to leave any pay in their hands, to become my right hereafter, if they so think I ought, till the things said to be lost are paid for; but I must beg further to observe, that from a tryal I have nothing to fear, as by Creditible Witness's I can prove I was no ways accessary to any theft committed, and that it was likewise Colenal Nagle's Orders to me to pull down any House of the kind I search'd, that secreted any man of his. From my report to him of the opprobious language and abuse given the Serjeant and a private I sent to the same houses four days before, I went myself. Therefore, you must Consider I was acting in the line of my duty, And no ways answerable

for my men, as they had from me no orders to do Anything of the kind. I will only, for the last trouble, add if serving the United States as a Volunteer at Long Island, in Cambridge, New York, and the Jerseys, lastly, my trouble and fatague in Enlisting 44 men in this City, (many of whom, on hearing I was Broke, deserted, as they were not Willing to serve but along with me,) & 4 months Imprisonment, without ever receiving anything for my trouble, be not Grievances beneath your notices, I hope for a speedy redress. On the Contrary, if you may think I deserv'd no other treatment, I must patiently submit to the Will of God, who knows my innocence, And trust to His Mercy to relieve from distress, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient, humble Servant,

GERARD IRVINE.

P. S. If more agreeable to the Gentlemen of the Board that I should Enlist then go as a Volunteer, I am willing, in any Company of Light Horse. I wrote this letter Immediately after Mr. Dean spoke to me in the Goal, Wednesday morning past, but has not had an Opportunity of sending it before, as I have been lock'd up and not allow'd to speak or see my wife —on what ac't I know not, if not that Mr. Dewees Dem'ds a certificate of our Marriage, to which I believe he has no right. Therefore, if it be your pleasure to keep me longer here, I hope the Board will let me have an order for her admittance. I have at present few other friends. I am at a loss to know which way to direct, Council of Safity or Board of War, have, therefore, as formerly, said Council of Safety. If the Board would Allow me to wait of them, perhaps My Speaking with them might be more satisfactory than my writing therefore hope, as I have no person to get me out without seeing some of them, I may get a hearing.

This is the last trouble I shall ever give this board, which liberty if granted shall be gratefully Acknowledged, And must likewise say, I am the only person denied this or greater freedoms, tho' as little troublesome as any person here to the Goaler or his turnkey.

## MEN INLISTED BY GERARD IRVINE.

April 17, 1777.

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| Francis Mathews, | Patrick Mullen, |
| Jno. Conery, | Samuel Rodgers, |
| Abraham Davis, | James Dougherty, |
| James Davis, | James Hains, |
| Jno. Hockins, | Patrick Early, |
| James McGee, | Lerkin Morrison, |
| Jno. Wilson, | Kershaw Pulin, |
| Henry Harper, | George Penchin, |
| Timothy Roach, | James Kelly, |
| Patrick Rock, | John Rankin, |
| Thomas Sumner, | Andrew Ryan, |
| Patrick Landerkin, | Jno. Flemming, |
| Jno. White, | James Dunkin, |
| Thos. Rolins, | John Connelly, |
| Jno. Hamilton, | Antony Bradley, |
| Jno. Smith, | Christopher O'Neal, |
| Pitt Collin Adams, | James O'Leary, |
| James Fury, | James Grimes, |
| George Alford, | Robt. Eagan, |
| Andrew Shaffer, | Jerry Connel, |
| Jno. Collins, | John Mecarty, |
| Samuel Caldwell, | Peter Meager. |

This is the Names and Number of Men I inlisted, and could, the day before I was Confin'd, Comm'd, save three then run, the rest I was Able to Ac't for.

G. I.

## GERARD IRVINE TO COL. DEAN.

Old prison, April the 17th, 1777.

Colonel Dean:

Sir:—As you were kind enough to speak to me in the Goal on Wednesday last, I have made free to inclose a letter to the

Board under cover to you, and as I always have been when in your Employ (a Privateering) a faithfull and honest servant, I hope you will Consider my situation and distress. And as it is out of my power to do anything more at present than I have wrote, hope the proposals I have made will please the Board; and let me tell you I am much wronged in Everything laid to my charge, and hope one day I will be able to convince the world of my Innocence. There is no man more willing to serve in the present cause than I am, and always was. You may well think I have no desire of remaining longer in a place where I have received Every possible Insult. When any Gentleman asked Mr. Dewees to see me, his usual Answer was, he was surprised any person of character would come to see a thief. By degrees my acquaintances all avoided the place, nor have I seen any person now to come this two months, my distress'd wife excepted, she Insulted and allow'd to come no farther than you see her; I but sometimes allow'd to come to her there, as Mr. Dewees has locked me up whole days in my room. I therefore beg and request if I am not released you will be kind enough to procure for her an order of admittance to me. I have assign'd the only reason in my letter to the Board for this treatment I know of. Your takeing at the present a little trouble on my ac't shall ever be greatfully Acknowledged; I have no friend to apply to, but hope by my future conduct, to evince you anything you may please to do in my favour, will not be lost on the unworthy tho' at present the unfortunate and your very humble Servant,

GERARD IRVINE.

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## GERARD IRVINE TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

Philadelphia, April 22nd, 1777.

Gentlemen:—From frequent Repetitions you may Conclude me troublesome, but my Innocence and present situation, emboldens me to look for Justice from the Gentlemen appointed to give it. By different letters to Colenal Dean and this Board, I have partly laid my grievances before them. I now humbly beg to be brought Before this Body and have a hearing, per-

haps they may think proper then to Enlarge me. The truth of what I have already wrote them, I will answer for with my life, and every word for the time to come. Colenal Dean has told my wife, would I send for the people who lost the goods and make it up with them, I might Get out. I answer with candor and truth, I am not able at present, was the value but 5s., on other terms than already Offer'd this Honourable Board, Viz: my going as a soldier as they might direct; 2nd if they might take my Bonds payable at a certain time. I know none of their names, or have I any person to send for them, but if I had, I am not alowed to speak to them on any terms; not even my wife before this morning for six days past, then scarce two minutes at the Gate.

Gentlemen, you may do with me as you please, I am Innocent of the crime laid to my charge, and as I some time since wrote, acted by Colenal Nagle's order, tho' not quite Up to them, as on my report to him of the treatm't Lt. Thompson, who then ac't as Serjeant for me, and a private had receiv'd on my sending them to these Houses in quest of this deserter. But the Express words of that Gentleman to me was, Early in the morning I waited of him at the door of his lodging, or rather * * * * I suppose Just up from * * * * "Pull down or Burn any dam'nd house that secreted a man of his." This he cann't or will not, I suppose deny. I can with safety be Qualified to the truth of it if allow'd. In other points, I should have been more careful of exposing my Married Gentleman's Character, but as my own and my Wife's have already suffer'd as much as possible, am resolv'd to pay every debt of the kind as contracted, and further say, I had more trouble than Any Officer in the Battalion. Without help or assistance, recruited more Men, and two nights before made prisoner, had 41 men sick and well in their Barracks (and them half starving for want of Blankets in the Coldest season,) to keep from deserting. I have thrown my coat over my feet, laid my head on a log of wood by them, as an example to shew they would be ask'd by me to suffer no hardship but what I would share equally with them, tho' in my power to lay in a good bed. Indeed, it prick'd my pride a good deal to see they men I took so much pains to get, Given to a man that never enlisted a man but 3 himself, or take trouble about them in the least. If Colenal Nagle or any other Gentleman has the least objection to what I have said, I hope for leave to answer for myself. If this Board will grant me favour and liberty of knowing the People's names, and the things or value of

them said to be lost will, if taken as I before mention'd, Give Bonds for the payment and offer my life in their services and the States, for my freedom and Liberty. My Enemies must allow I am a Soldier, and to shew it, I am ready at anytime to be called to the field to Endeavour to crush a Merciless Enemy.

I will serve the publick with Integrity. I have long thirsted for Military Honours, which cannot be satiated in a loathsome Goal at a Time men is so much wanted. Therefore, If I am thought usefull, let not the talent I wish to improve, lay longer hidden between the Walls of a Stinking Prison. Gentlemen, I love Liberty, and if I again enjoy Freedom, I will not tamely sell it to my Bloody Back'd Brethren; nor, Esaw like, Give them for a Mess of pottage, and after became a Captive to his Brother Jacob; but if you now deny me these Blessings, I hope my past services will merit the small favour at your hands of seeing and conversing with my wife, as long as she is able to get me Victuals. It cann't be long, as we are now reduced to the low Ebb of parting even our Cloathing, which when Gone, she must go to Service; and perhaps I here Starve and Want, if not relieved by the hand of Providence. This is a true picture of the case of, Gentlemen,

Your faithful And obedient humble Servant,

GERARD IRVINE.

P. S. I hope, when convenient, to know the result of your deliberations on this Head, and if Mr. Dean has not already laid my former letters before this Board, beg he will, in Order I may have Justice done me.

5 O'Clock past noon. My wife, by appointment, came to the Goal, in Order to give me some money to pay a debt of £2 19 9, I contracted with Dewees, Turnkey, 40 shillings of which was extracted from me as a Garnish on my coming here. This money she has been obliged to borrow. After waiting 'till 6 O'Clock she would not be allow'd to see or give me the money, she might leave it or not, the having a sufficient pledge from me. I then cal'd her to the Window Opposited the street Where I am kept, And beg'd her to go home, as she would not be admitted to speak to me. Dewees then damn'd her, he would lick her if she did not begone. * * * * * as she yet Keeps a House in a creditable neighborhood as any in this City, and as I have cause to believe out if Dewees' Evil and spitefull Disposition, he or some of his confederates may be guilty of some Villianous act, to destroy what little she has, or perhaps take her life. As to myself, tho' immediately after

she was gone he and his Turnkey came up with sticks in their hands, demanding how I durst abuse him or call him a Rascal, Abus'd me as much as possible, swore he would Like me as long as warm. Monday swore he would cow-skin me and put me in the Dungeon. Tho' I am not afraid of Dewees, or any man Singly, I have every thing to fear from his Malicious temper, and as he has now sworn by the Lord to put me in the other end of the Gaol, as I have already wrote Mr. Dean. Look upon myself, for the time to come, Justified for any attempts I may use against Dewees or the Bloody Rogues he may employ, to, in the least, Insult me, and am resolv'd, as long as I am able, to defend myself. If any part of my Wife's past life has been unfortunate, she is not to be insulted. I have found in her everything desirable in woman, before our Marriage and since, id est—Virtue, Honour, prudence and good nature, and at present believe her to possess them as amply as any Woman in this City. As the Goaler's common name to me is thief, (I again say was I so,) I am not so bad as he is, a Receiver & Accomplice of thieves, besides a Judas to his Country, and would, Iscariot like, at any time sell them for a few pieces of silver.

Gentlemen, as a true and faithful subject to the States, where all I hold Dear is, and am ready, at any time, to loose my life for the same, beg, if I will be heard & can prove facts already related, (tho' Dewees says neither my Oath, my Wife or friends will appeal to this Board for Justice,) and if I am unhappy enough to be kept a prisoner, hope an admittance for my friends or an Exchange to any other Goal on the Continent, and am, as with becoming respect,

Gentlemen,

GERARD IRVINE.

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## JOHN GALLOWAY TO OWEN BIDDLE.

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Saturday, 26th April, 1777.

Owen Biddle, Esq.:

S'r:—A few Evenings agoe Captain Lang Enlisted an apprentice belonging to me who have three years to serve, Since

which time he has been with me and beggs I may Get him off as he was not properly in his senses at the time he Engaged wt. the Recruiting party, as they Enveigled him & made him Drunk. These are his Excuses. His parents have been with me and Insists that I will use my Endeavour with the Board of Warr to have him Returned thro' your Interposition I may again Get my Boy, & hope you will Consider me as a person well affected to my Country, & one who hath Contributed as much as any of my Circumstances in the City, as it is well known that last winter I shut up my shop and Took all my apprentices and servants with me to the Camp, one of which was killed at Trenton. You must be sensible how Great my Loss must be to have a Large family Living at Extraordinary Expenses & nothing Doing to Defray the same. Notwithstanding I am still willing to Contribute to the public Good, which I hold in more Esteem than private property; but think, at the same time, that no Law Exists, or ought to, To take from me the means whereby I am to live. The boy I have had a long time, and he has been But of little Service until lately. I hope you will use your Interest in my favor.

I am, Sir, your Very
Humble Servant,
JOHN GALLOWAY.

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## FROM PETER CAMPBELL, A PRISONER OF WAR.

New Jail, April 30th, 1777.

To the Honorable the Board of War for the State of Pennsylvania:

The Petition of Peter Campbell Sheweth:

That your Petitioner has Experienced a very disagreeable State of Confinement since the twenty-ninth of December last. Your Petitioner intreats thiss Honorable Board to consider that as the warm Season is now advancing, He is much indangered in Point of Health from the Crouded nature of his imprisonement, and Intreats thiss Honorable Board to Grant him a Parole in Potts Grove, in thiss State, where you Petitioner has some Relations, Or in any other Place thiss Honorable Board may think proper.

I am, with proper Respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
PETER CAMPBELL.

## THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNT WITH SACHEVERIL WOOD.

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Philad'a, April the 30th, 1777.

The Honorable Council of Safety:

To Sachev'l Wood, Dr.

(Since the twelvth Day of october Last, to the 13th of March last.)

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| October 20. | To 6 pounds of Candles for a Gard at the Statehouse, | £0 | 9 | 0 |
| | To 35 pounds of deto, for the Council at Dif'rent times, | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Nov'r 5. | To sundrys Laid out for Election by order: | | | |
| | Cash paid for Beef, | 5 | 7 | 10 |
| | Deto for Gammons, | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| | Deto for Bread, | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| | Deto for Chees, | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| | Deto for Candles, | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| | Deto for Shugar, | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| | Deto for Limes, | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| | Do. for Spirits, | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| | Do. for Wine, | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| | Do. for 2 Ropes for hanging the Lanterns, | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | Deto for paper, Quills, Ink & Sealing Wax, | 0 | 16 | 3 |
| | To Cooking, &c., for Election, | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| | To portrage, forward & backward, | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| | To Cash paid the Carpinter, by order, | 2 | 19 | 0 |
| | To 2½ Cords of Wood for ye Council, & Cording, at 38s., | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| | To Hawling, Sawing & poiling, | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| | To Dreank for the Sawyers, | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Nov'r 6. | To 2 bottles of Wine, Gammon, beef, &c., for Con'l Bull & Com'y to ye fort, | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| | To Sundrys when the Council went to the fort & Billingsport, and then Return'd to the fort and Din'd, viz: | | | |
| | Beef for Stakes, | 0 | 12 | 6 |

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| Nov'r | 6. | A Gammon, 13s.; a pound of Butter, 2s. 6d., | £0 | 15 | 0 |
| | | 3 peare of fowles, | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| | | Bread and Chees, | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| | | A Dozen of Wine, | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| | | 2 Dozen of porter, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | | 2 Gallon of Spirits, | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| | | 3½ pounds of shugar, | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| | | Limes, 7s. 6d.; paid for a boate at the fery, 2s. 6d., | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | To pepper, Musterd, pickels, Cooking, &c., | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Dec'r | 4. | To Cash paid for Quills & sealing wax for ye Council, | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| | | To eight knives & forks Lost down the River, | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To a Large puter Dish Lorst down the River, | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | | To a large table Clorth lorst Down the River, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | | To Coffey for ten of the Council, & eight another time, | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| | | To Gammon for ten of the Council, In the Evening, &c., | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid for Cleaning the Stove pipe, | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid at Dif'rent times for 3 sweeping brushes, | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid for bellows, | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | | To Deto for sweeping 3 Chimneys, | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | | To Deto paid to Michael Duff by order, | 5 | 10 | 6 |
| | | To Deto paid Con'l Gurney, for money lade out down the River, | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To a Quart of Sperit, Each Day, for Gard that attended the Dore, from the 9th of December to the 25th, at 7s. 6d., | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| | | To a half Cord of Hickrey Wood, sawing, &c., | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| | | To a Dreank for the man that saw'd the wood from ye fort, | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | | To 3 Bushels of Austers at Sundrys for ye Councils, &c., &c., | 2 | 2 | 6 |

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| Dec'r | 4. | To Cash paid Frederick hollan, for going Express the time the ingadgement was down the River,.. | £0 | 17 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid for Cleaning the Little house twice, ..... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| | | To Cash paid for Green tee to Go to ye Camp, ..... | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| | | To Deto for 4 pound of Loafe Shugar for Deto, ..... | 0 | 18 | 8 |
| | | To Wine for the Council Roome at sundrys, ..... | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| | | To Sperits for Deto at Deto, ..... | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| | | To Cash paid Mr. Burns at sundrys for porter, ..... | 2 | 19 | 6 |
| | | To bisket for ye Council at dif'rent times, ..... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| | | To Deto for sealing wax and Black sand, ..... | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| | | To Deto for Ink Stands and Ink powder, ..... | 2 | 11 | 6 |
| | | To Cash paid for sweeping 2 Chimneys 4 times, ..... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | | To Supper for 3 soldears, & a Dreank by order, ..... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | | To Deto for another afterward, ..... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid Mr. Hopkins for a Cagg of bisket, ..... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| | | To Cash paid for 2 hundred of Quills, | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | | To Deto for one hundred Deto, ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | To Coffey for the Council at 6 difrent times, ..... | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid Mr. Carson for feeding Con'l Bull's horse, ..... | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| | | To sperits for the Carpinter that put the petition up, ..... | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| | | To a Large tumbler broke, ..... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid for small nales, ..... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | | To shugar for the use of the Council at Sundrys, ..... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | | To Cash paid for wafers, ..... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | | To supper for 2 men and a Dreank by order, ..... | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | | To keeping a horse to Go Express 7 days, at 9s. 6d., ..... | 3 | 6 | 6 |

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| Dec. | 4. | To Cord of Oake wood for the Council, | £2 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To Hawling, sawing, poiling, & Cording, | 0 | 15 | 4 |
| | | To Cash paid the poaste for a Letter, | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| | | To Deto for 5 sand Boxes, | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| | | To attending the Council from the 12th October last, til the thirteenth Day of March, at ten shillings, makes 152 days, | 76 | 0 | 0 |
| | | To punch and biskit for the Board of Warr at twice, | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| | | To one pound of tobacho & 6 pipes, | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | | To a Chamber pott, | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To Quills, | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | To a hone, | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| | | To attending the board of Warr from the 13th Day of March last, til this 5th Day May, at tenn shillings, p'r Day, Coms to 53 Days, | 26 | 10 | 0 |
| | | Amo't of my Acco't against the Penn'a Board of War, | £30 | 3 | 0 |
| | | Amo't of my Acco't against the late Council of Safety, | 217 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | £247 | 10 | 8 |
| | | Recv'd of Mr. Nesbit on ac't, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Ballance due me, | £147 | 10 | 8 |

Passed Pennsylvania War Office, 6th April, 1777.

RICH. BACHE, Chairman.

To Jno. M. Nesbitt, Treas'r.

## CHARLES ROSS, A TORY, TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

Philad'a N. Goal, May 8, 1777.

To the Honourable Gentlem'n the Borde of War, For the City of Philad'a and province of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—Your Honours' Humble Petitin'r, Charles Ross, a liver in Duchess County, in the Province of New York, taken on the 15th Day of last June, on suspicion of bein a Tory, Where I was brought to this Town on the 18th of last Octob'r, and put your Petitionor into Confinm't, Where your Petitinor still Continues. Your petitinor says he has never Offended or Injured from the first begining of this in any Wise, Whatsoever, but always Assisted when called on as a Monthly Malishia Man. But, by the Ill Disposed Intentions of some, after I had paid to the Amount of Twenty-three Dollars Towards Supporting the Warr, were not Satisfied, But farther Wanted More from your petitinor. Your Honours' Petitinor are poor, and Having a Great Charge to support by his Labour, was not of Abillity to expend farther, Which your Honours' petitinor Would Readily do, if able, Having no plantation or farm, but a small Cottage. Your Honours' petitinor beggs your Wonted Goodness will take your petitinor's family and petitinor into Consideration, to release your petitinor of his Confinem't, So as your petitinor May Earn Support for petitinor's family, who are Suffering for the Necessaries of Life, And petitinor With family, in Duty bound, will ever pray,

CHARLES ROSS.

## MEMORIAL OF JOHN READ, BARRACK MASTER.

Fort Island, 9th May, 1777.

To the Hon'ble Board of War for the State of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—In December last was left in my possession, by order of Colonel Bull, a Quantity of Beef, Potatoes and Turnips, for which I gave Mr. William Armstrong a receipt. Some time in March I found the Beef to be in a perishing State, and

applied, by Mr. Marll, to have salt procured for pickling said Beef, which was done, and thought the meat would be sufficiently good and fit for use. Being call'd upon by Major Farmer and Officers for Beef, upon Examination found it unfit for use, and the same was refus'd. The Potatoes and Turnips are likewise unserviceable, as they are growing and Partly rotten. In order that this affair may be properly settled, should your Board be pleas'd to order a survey and enquiry of the said Provisions, as is usually done in such cases, that the stores may be discharged of that part which is become offensive.

I think it my duty to inform the Board that latterly I have discover'd several large and dangerous leaks in that part of the Bank that was not doubled last Fall said leaks are occasioned by a vast number of Musk Ratts, that infest and burrow in said Bank.

That, in order to prevent the wood from being stolen from the Landing, the labourers employ'd by Mr. Marll be ordered to wheel it into the wood yard.

It will likewise be necessary to have three or four Pumps in the Barrack yard, for the use of the Troops as well as for putting Out fire that may happen by acident or from the Enemy. Water Casks as they are used by the Troops are often neglected to be fill'd some are falling to pieces.

That it would also be necessary to have a number of fire Buckets, and Eight or Ten Ladders of a Story and half in Length.

As the Barrack Master General has pleas'd to order me to take into my charge such business in his Branch at Billings Port and other places under the Command of Colonel Bull, with directions to Employ a proper person as an assistant, Beg that this Hon'ble Board will allow Rations of all species, both for self and assistant, as without it your Barrack Master will not be able to carrey on the several Branches of business set forth in his Instructions.

JOHN READ.

## MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH ARROSMITH.

State Prison, Philad'a, May 19th, 1777.

To the Honorable Board of War for the United States of America:

The humble petition of Joseph Arrosmith Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner has been made a prisoner near two Months ago. Contrary to his Expectation, he fully Expected that shortly after he came here he would have had a hearing before some Audience and Authority, from whence he might have had some relief. Your petitioner begs leave to inform your Honors that Col. Cox is now in Town, who has promis'd that he will attend my Examination, if it could be before he went out of Town. He is a Gentleman that is fully acquainted with the Business I was Employ'd in in behalf of my Country. Your petitioner assures your Honors that he is Innocent of any Inimical practices against his Country, & flatters himself that he can obviate and remove any charges that may be Exhibited against him if brought to a hearing.

Your petitioner's long Confinement in prison he is much endanger'd in point of Health and the uneasyness and destruction natural to his Family obliges him to entreat your Honors to give him as Early a hearing as may be Convenient.

And your petitioner, as in Duty bound, Shall Ever Pray,

JOSEPH ARROSMITH.

## EXAMINATION RELATIVE TO TORIES.

March 19th, 1777.

William Roden. Was going to Lewis Town for Oysters. The passengers offered him 30s. to carry them to Lewis Town; was cast ashore on Squan Beech, 100 mile beyond Cape May.

How came you there? He received a packet of Letters which he was to deliver at Egg harbour, for which he was to have been well paid. On his proposal for the passengers to go on shore, that he might go to Little Egg harbour, the passengers

said they would go likewise. The letters were directed to Coxe, &c., at the Iron Works.

Agreed with the passengers one day before he set off he only knew two of them, Vizt: David Scott, a Baker, John McGee, Alex'r Henderson, Wm. Correy, Pedlar & Shoemaker, James Scott, (the tall man.)

Wm. Correy say he agreed with Wm. Roden to go to Egg harbour, (not personally but by James Scott;) he was to give 40s., and each of the other ———. Mr. White, a minister, was going with him.

What was your business? Intended to follow his trade or to have gone to New York in consequence of his Excellency's proclamation.

Qu. Was you ever at Egg harbour before? A. No.

Qu. Did Roden tell you he had any other business? A. He said he was going for Oysters.

Qu. Did Mr. White go with you? A. He did.

Qu. Did you know anything of a packet of letters? A. I heard something of a packet of Letters after they were ashore.

Qu. Why did you go by water? A. The snow was too deep to travel.

Qu. How long have lived there? A. Three years.

Qu. Where have you been since? A. Travelled as a pedlar thro' Virginia, Maryland & this State.

Qu. Where is your property? A. I have not much.

Qu. Why did you go on shore? A. The wind blew very hard. He was ashore at the Capes. All was lost that was in the boats.

James Scott, a Bread Baker, has lived more than a year in the City and wrought for himself. Came from Scotland with Capt. Nichols.

Qu. Where were you going. A. To Egg harbour.

Qu. Where was Roden going? A. He said he was going to Lewis Town.

Qu. Why did you go? A. I went with some acquaintance, with Mr. White & others.

Qu. What were you to give Roden for carrying you to Egg harbour? A. 40s.

Qu. What were you to have paid if he carried you only to Lewis Town? A. The same.

Qu. Did you agree with Roden for any more persons than yourself? A. Yes, for David Walker.

Qu. Where is David Walker? A. He was taken off by the Light Horse.

Qu. Did you see them take him? A. No, I was ought of sight.

Qu. You hid yourself? A. Yes, I intended to go to New York, but not til after he were cast away.

Mr. White was intending to go to New York. We asked Roden to go to New York, but he refused. We offered him 8 dollars to go to New York, but he would not.

Qu. Were you all confined in the same prison? A. Yes, except Mr. White. John McGee has lived three years in the City; a Taylor, worked with Mr. Stille. 7 beside Roden & his step Son.

Alexander Henderson, Taylor, wrought with one more.

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Examination of John Ireland a prisoner.

20th March, 1777.

William Waddell being sworn on the Holy Evangelists, &c., deposeth & Says:

That he was going this morning from the State House, he turned into a public house where John Ireland, the prisoner, was disputing with some other persons, and he heard the said Ireland repeatedly damn the Congress.

William Dunn being also sworn, &c., deposeth & Saith:

That he happened to be in a public house where John Ireland was, and the conversation turned on the battle which happened last Sunday three weeks, that John Ireland said he had been a prisoner for damning the Congress and appealed to John Read if he had Ever heard him say anything of the kind. That from the conversation of Mr. Ireland, he, the deponant, apprehended him to be no friend to the Colonies, & desired that this Deponent and his Friends might retire from such Company, and on some words about a chew of Tobacco, he, the s'd John Ireland, drank damnation to the Congress, and on an Explanation being demanded, he said he did not chuse to Explain himself, but he repeated the health, whereupon he, after some words, was apprehended and brought.

John Reed, of the city of Philadelphia, being also sworn, &c., deposeth and saith:

That he with some others stopped at Mrs. Polly Berry's, where the prisoner, John Ireland, when the conversation turned on the imprisonment of Mr. Ireland for speaking disrespectfully of Congress, whereupon he drank several healths

of a friendly complexion, ("The Friends of America in America,") and afterwards drank damnation to the Congress, and upon an Explanation being demanded, he refused to give any.

Mr. John Ireland Being asked what he had to say in his defence, Said he had been called upon by one of the persons now present for some things in his way, and being asked where he could get some Cyder, which he wanted as it was conducive to his health.

That he took him to Mrs. Berry's where he met the Gentlemen now present, and the conversation turning on politics, he repeated a parody which was lately published in the public papers but did.

Ordered, That the said John Ireland give security for his good Behaviour himself in the sum of ———, and one or more freeholders in the sum of ———.

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Examination of John Roof & Christian Rooffs, May 8th, 1777, before James Young.

1777, May 8th. Examination of Christian Rooff, of Noximixon Township, Son of Jacob Rooff, Farmer, says that about 3 weeks past James Aycliff asked him if he would list with Howe, and offered him for that purpose five Dollars & 150 Acres Land, but he said he would Consider of it, and further says that Andrew Trittenbach, Weaver, in said Township, and Andrew Prill, about two weeks past told him that they had Inlisted with Aycliff & was to receive the above Bounty, and that he told his Father the same day what they, Trittenbach & Prill, had told him, who made answer that was no good way & told him not to do so. Says that Aycliff told him he was over in Howe's Army last fall & praised them Much. Christian Trager, Weaver, of the same place, George Overpack, Jun'r, Son of George, also told him they were inlisted, & Andrew Pritt told him that John Caulp of said place was also inlisted. On Easter Monday he had a Conversation with Godfrey Miller, Joiner, who told him that the Congress were Hogs and that he had a mind to go & Blow their Powder up, & that John Nolton of Tenecum township, Shoemaker, was present & heard the same, but did not make any answer nor did I ever tell any person of this Conversation.

On Further Examination, Confesses he inlisted with Aycliff, but never received any money.

Godfrey Miller confirms his former Examination. When Questioned Concerning what he said of the Congress & blowing up the Powder, answers that he might have said such things but had no real Intention.

Examined before me,

JAS. YOUNG.

1777, May the 8th. Examination of John Rooff, of Noxamixon township, Blacksmith, says that some time this Spring James Aycliff Came to his Father's House & told him & his Father that he had been over to see Howe's Army and praised them much, and asked him to inlist with him for Howe's Army, and offered him five Dollars & 150 Acres Land he made Answer he would Consider of it. His Father said he did not like it. Some time after he had another Conversation with Aycliff who wanted to persuade him to Inlist.

Examined before me,

JAS. YOUNG.

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## ROBERT ETHERINGTON TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

Philadelphia State Prison,

May 23d, 1777.

To the Honorable the Board of War

For the State of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—Your Petitioner having been Confin'd some time and knowing himself Innocent of any charge that can be laid against him to your Hon'ble Board, hopes you will take his Case into Consideration, as being willing to be Qualified not to Injure the States in any way whatsoever, and your Honours in Complying with this Request, your Petitioner will be ever Bound to pray, who his, Gentlemen, Your

Your Obed't,

H'ble Serv't,

ROBT. ETHERINGTON.

## DR. THOMAS ROBINSON TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

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Philad'a, June, 1777.

To the hon'ble the Board of War:

The humble Petition of Thos. Robinson Sheweth:

That your humble Petitioner was committed to Goal, Dec'r 18, 1776, by the Hon'ble the Council of Safety, on suspicion of aiding Isaac Atwood in taking away a servant from Jno. Spiegel, w'ch servant said Spiegel recover'd three months ago.

Yo'r humble Petitioner had an opportunity of going out Surgeon of a Privateer, w'ch he lost by Confinement. He was Surgeon in several Ships of the Navy belonging to the King of Great Britain, the whole of last war, and wou'd willingly enter into the service of the United States in that Station, Either by Land or sea. If you should doubt his ability, he is willing to undergo any examination that you shall think proper to order.

Therefore, yo'r Petitioner humbly requests of yo'r Hon'rs to take that, with the long duration of his confinement, especially as Jno. Spiegel allows him no Provisions, into your Serious Consideration, & grant him a Release, wherby he might become useful to Community, and not suffer him to be lost to society by remaining longer in Prison. In doing w'ch, yo'r humble Petitioner will, as in Duty bound, for ever pray, &c., &c.,

THOS. ROBINSON.

## MEMORIAL OF THE OFFICERS OF THE STATE REGIMENT.

June 3d, 1777.

To the Hon'ble the Representatives of the Freemen of the State of Pennsylvania in General Asesmbly met:

The Memorial of the Officers of the Pennsylvania State Reg't Humbly Sheweth:

That your Memorialists were first formed and raised into three Battalions by order of the People at large in their Representatives in the last General Assembly, who in the Rules laid down for the government of said Battalions, Expressly resolved that the officers shou'd rise by seniority in Battalion, as we had no right nor claim to any Rank with Continental troops or any other save our own Battalion. That having faithfully served the last Summer and winter's Campaign, and thro' the fortune of war were much reduced in number, the late Council of Safety thought proper to Unite the Battalion in one Regiment. By a resolve of theirs, dated Nov'r 18th, they reserve to themselves the power of appointing what persons they think proper for Officers, Exclusive of those in service. In consequence of which the Board of War have appointed Col. Jno. Bull to the particular Command of the said Reg't, by which appointment your Memorialists consider themselves very much aggrieved, as thereby what little Rank they hold in the service of the State is Entirely Destroyed, and they are reduced to the disagreeable situation of being officers without Rank for the present or prospect of having any in the future whilst in the service of this State.

And so far are we from having any Mercenary Views in Engaging or continuing in the service, that our present pay is scarce Equivalent to our necessary Expence, but our real motives are, a Love to our Country and personal honour, and by taking from us our claim to the latter, we are deprived of the opportunity of prosecuting the former, in this regiment particularly; and if we are disappointed in both, we have no longer any other consideration which can call us to the field.

Besides, Gentlemen, we wish you to consider it as an undoubted truth and which has been confirmed by frequent Experience, that where the Officers and Soldiery of a Corps are disaffected to the Commander, (as in the present case,) there is no prospect of their rendering the wished for Service or answering the End Designed; but often a fatal Reverse. We wou'd, Moreover, beg leave to inform you, Gentlemen, with regard to our Conduct in the matter; we have taken Every step which we thought most prudent for the good of the Reg't

and service, and most of our honour. We, therefore, lay this before your Hon'ble House as our last appeal; and if we are obliged, (tho' with great reluctance,) to quit this Reg't and Service, hitherto agreeable, we Expect to appear blameless in the Eyes of the Public.

LEWIS FARMER, L. C.
JOHN MURRAY, Major.
PAT'K ANDERSON, Capt'n.
JOHN MARSHAL, Capt'n.
JNO. NICE, Capt'n.
MATT'W SCOTT, Capt'n.
JAS. FR. MOORE, Capt'n.
JOHN SPEAR, Capt.
J. CLARK, Capt.
ROBERT GRAY, Capt'n.
JOHN ROBB, Capt.
JAS. CARNAHAN, Capt.
JOSEPH L. FINLEY, Lieut.
THOMAS BOYD, Lieut.
JOSEPH BROWNLEE, Lieut.
THOMAS JOHNSON, Lieut.
WM. MOORE, Lieut.
GEO. HOFFNER, Lieut.
JACOB SNIDER, Lieut.
GEO. GYGER, Lieut.
JAS. WILEY, Lieut.
JAS. M'MICHAEL, Lieut.
JNO. GREGG, Lieut.
SAMUEL KENNEY, Lieut.
AMBROSE CRANE, Lieut.
WM. HARRIS, Lieut.
WM. M'CRACKEN, Lieut.
JNO. VANPELT, Lieut.
PETER BOYLE, Ensign.
ROBT. GREGG, Ensign.
JOHN PARKS, Ensign.
FRANCIS MURRAY, Major.
JAS. DUGAN, Ens'n.
JOS. COLLIER, Ensign.
JNO. VANWINCLE, Ens'n.
PAT'K FULLERTON, Ensign.
JOSEPH GORMON, Ensign.
ABRAHAM BOEMPER, Ens'n.
Staff:
FRAN'S RUTH, Adj't.
AND'W LYTLE, Q. M.

## COL. HOWELL TO PRESIDENT WHARTON.

Penn'a War Office, June 11th, 1777.

Sir:—There is in the Store and at Chestnut Hill about Three Thousand Knapsacks; the number of Canteens I cannot ascertain. Col. Bull was directed by the late Council of Safety to procure a number, but how many he has got made cannot inform your Excellency. I believe Col. Bull is in Town.

I have the Honor to be Your Excellency's
Most obedient Servant,
JACOB S. HOWELL, Sec'y.

His Excellency, Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, Esq'r.

## JOHN READ TO THE BOARD OF WAR.

Fort Island,
Monday Morning, 16th June, 1777.

Gentlemen:—Five of the ten Tory prisoners that was sent to work, under the directions of Mr. Thomas Marll, at this Island, on the 3d Inst., were this morning absent. One Andrew Briel, of the same party, says they went out on Saturday evening under pretence to catch Fish. As Mr. Marll is sick, desir'd that I would take notice of his people to keep them at work. This morning I mist them; was told by said Briel that they were run off. It may be proper that their desertion should be made known to proper authority.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most Humble Serv't,
JOHN READ.

Names of the deserters: Henry Culp, Tilman Culp, Christian Droger, Christian Roofe, John Roofe.

## THE PENN'A BOARD OF WAR TO THE CONTINENTAL BOARD.

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Pennsylvania War Office,
June 24th, 1777.

Gentlemen:—This Board advises Coll. Stewart to relieve Capt. Pugh's Company of Guards at French Creek Powder Mills & Magazine, with such men of his Regiment as are prisoners on parole under a proper Officer. Capt. Nice is appointed by the Coll. for this service, and waits on your hon'ble Board for Orders to proceed. Shou'd the Ensign's Guard already sent to french Creek be thought sufficient, we apprehend the remainder, as they cannot be sent to the field of action, might be usefully employ'd as Guards to the Salt works at Tom's River, in New Jersey.

By order of the Board,
RICH. BACHE, Chairman.

To the Continental Board of War.

# PLANS

FOR THE

## CONSTRUCTION AND RAISING

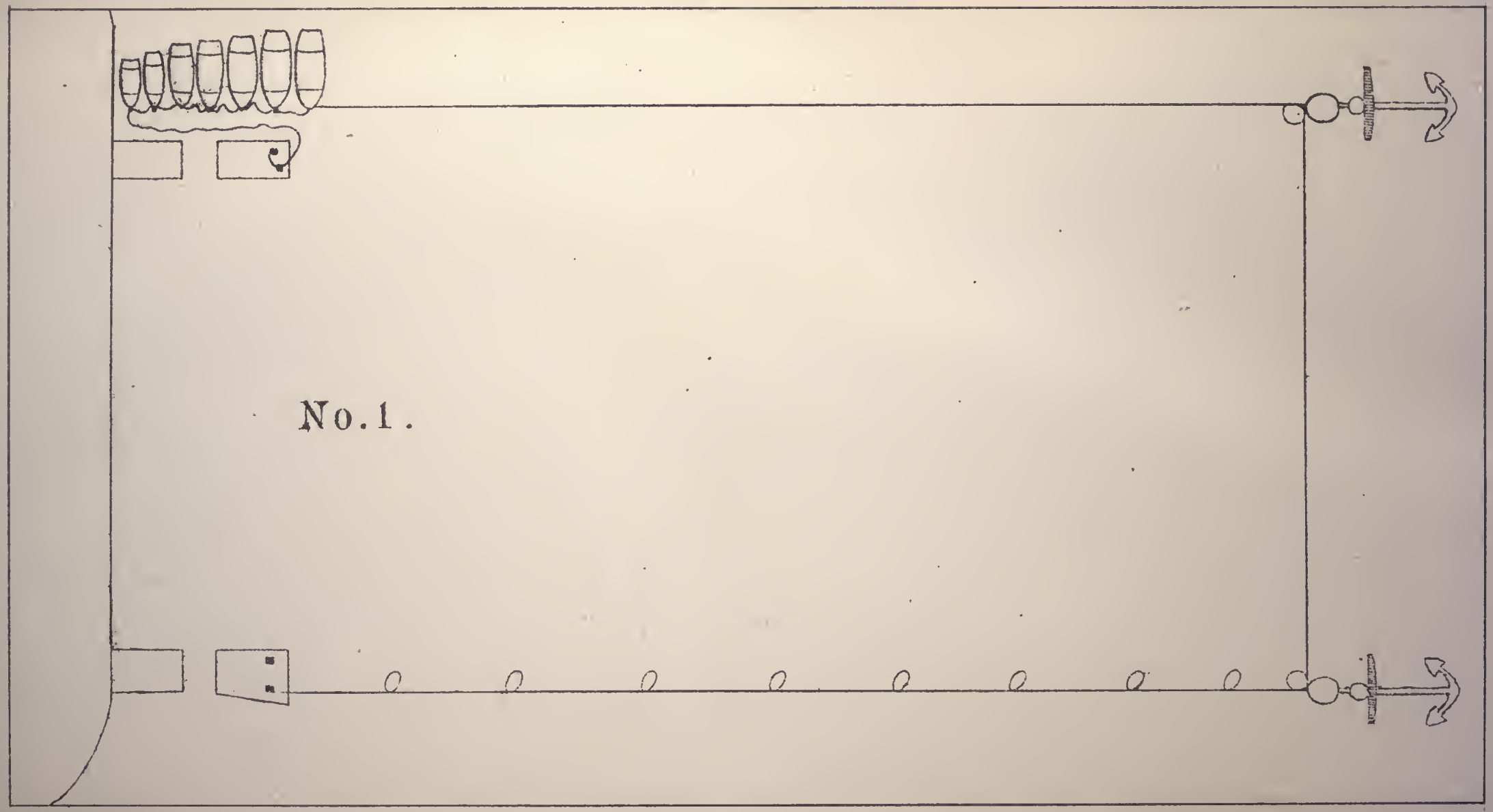
OF THE

# CHEVAUX DE FRIZE

IN THE

## DELAWARE RIVER,

## 1775-1784.


No. 1.

## ARTHUR DONALDSON'S PLAN FOR STOPPING THE CHANNEL OF THE RIVER DELAWARE.

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Philad'a, July 11th, 1775.

To the Committee of Safety:

Gentlemen:—The subscriber being inform'd that it is your Desire that any Inhabitants might ofer any Plan they might have in View, whereby the Citty & Libertys might be saved from a suden attac by watter; wherefore the following Is Humbly Purposed by your Respectfull friend.

AR. DONALDSON.

Please to excuse this brief Incorrect Essay as the first attempt, not thought of untill this morning.

(See plate No. 1.)

Lett A. A. Represent the Piers on fort Island. B. B., a number of flats, &c., with Plenty of Combustables Ready for fireing at an Instant. Let them be Chain'd so as to Extend a Proper Distance from Each other.

C., a Hawser leading throo a Large Block fastened to ye buy at D., at the Anker E., thence throo a Block, F., at the Anker G., thence to the Lower Pier with a number of Buys, to keep the hawser up to ye surface of ye water. Thus, when a Vessell Comes on ye Hawser, as she forces on she naturally Draws out ye flats, which Should be fired on that Instant, &c. Let there be Hoes, or something in that nature, fixt at the Block D., that should Choake it & Purvent ye Hawser Drawing Back, In Case it is Cutt or Broke before ye Vessell Draws out ye flats, & then have Plenty of Hawser to Veer away ye flats from ye uper pier.

A number of Canon under ye Bank.

Ankers on the barr.

## EBENEZER ROBINSON'S PLAN FOR STOPPING THE CHANNEL OF DELAWARE RIVER.

(See plate No. 2.)

A, are Large Pieces of Timber, not less than two feet six Inches Diameter, nor more than twenty feet long.

B, are Large Links to keep those Pieces together, not less than three Inches thick.

C, are Large Barrs of Iron, five long linked together, with an Anchor on each side the Channell.

D, are two large Anchors, taken out below the Boom in order not only as a stay to the Boom to keep it in its Place athwart the Currant, but also a great Strength in Case a Vessel should come against it; And likewise another Anchor to be taken out above, in order to keep the Boom from moving up or down the stream.

E, are Buoys, with Iron Chains, to keep the Boom from sinking too low its proper depth from the surface of the water.

F, Are large Pieces fixed in the Boom in the form of the Legs of a Trussell or Bench, in order to keep the Boom from sinking too low if the Buoys should be cut away.

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## MR. RICHARD'S PLAN FOR OBSTRUCTING THE RIVER.

(See plate No. 3.)

(No description accompanied this plan.)

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## MR. WELL'S PLAN FOR OBSTRUCTING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER.

(See plates Nos. 4 and 5.)

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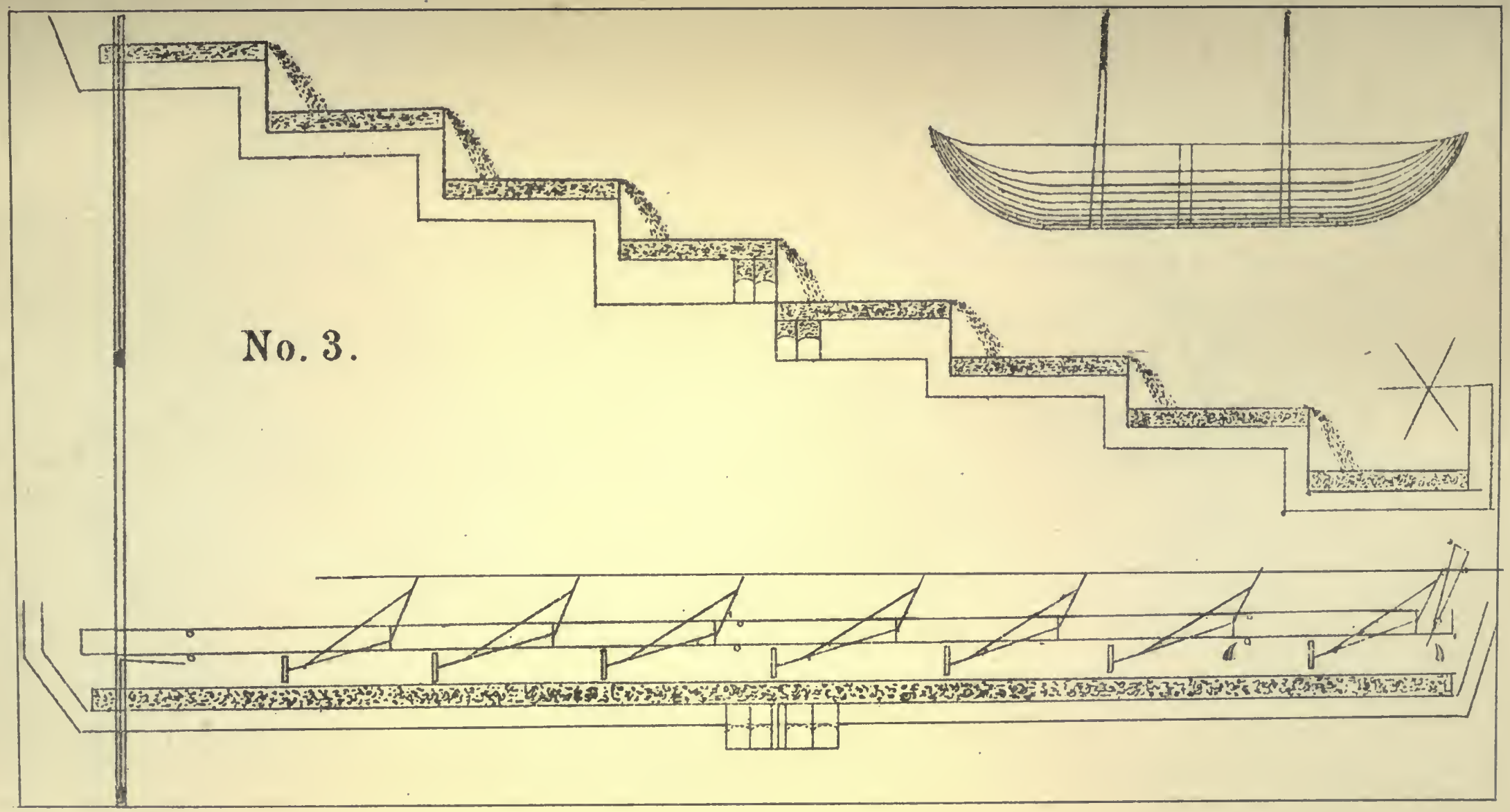
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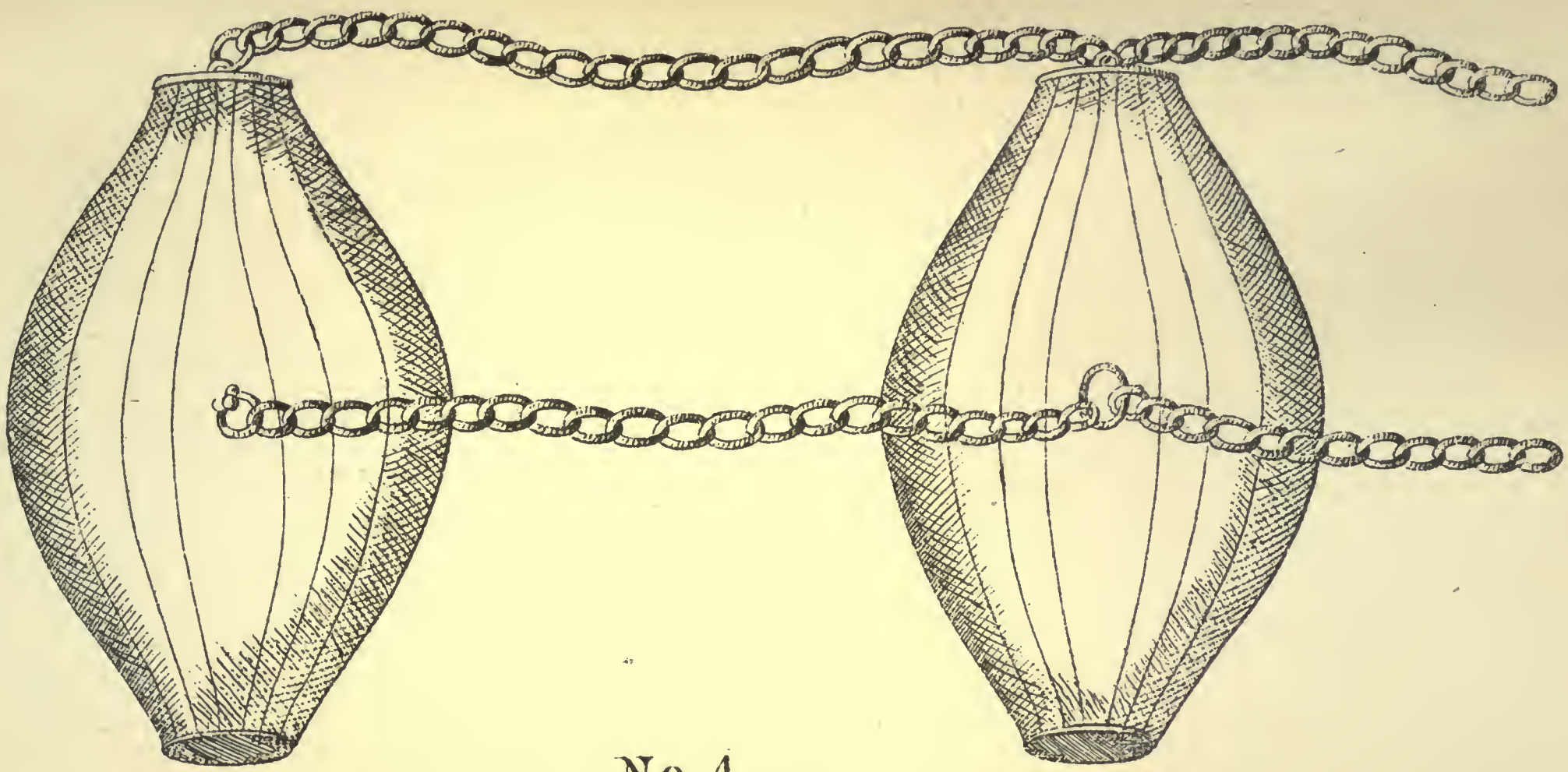

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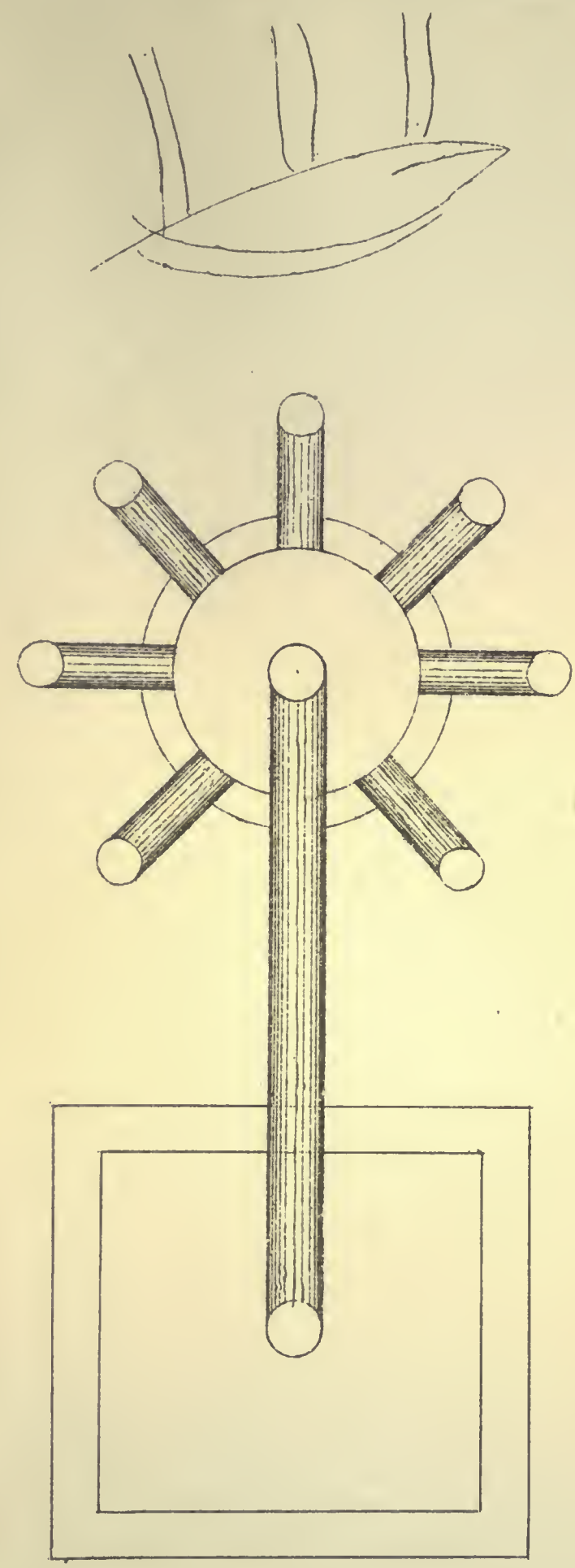

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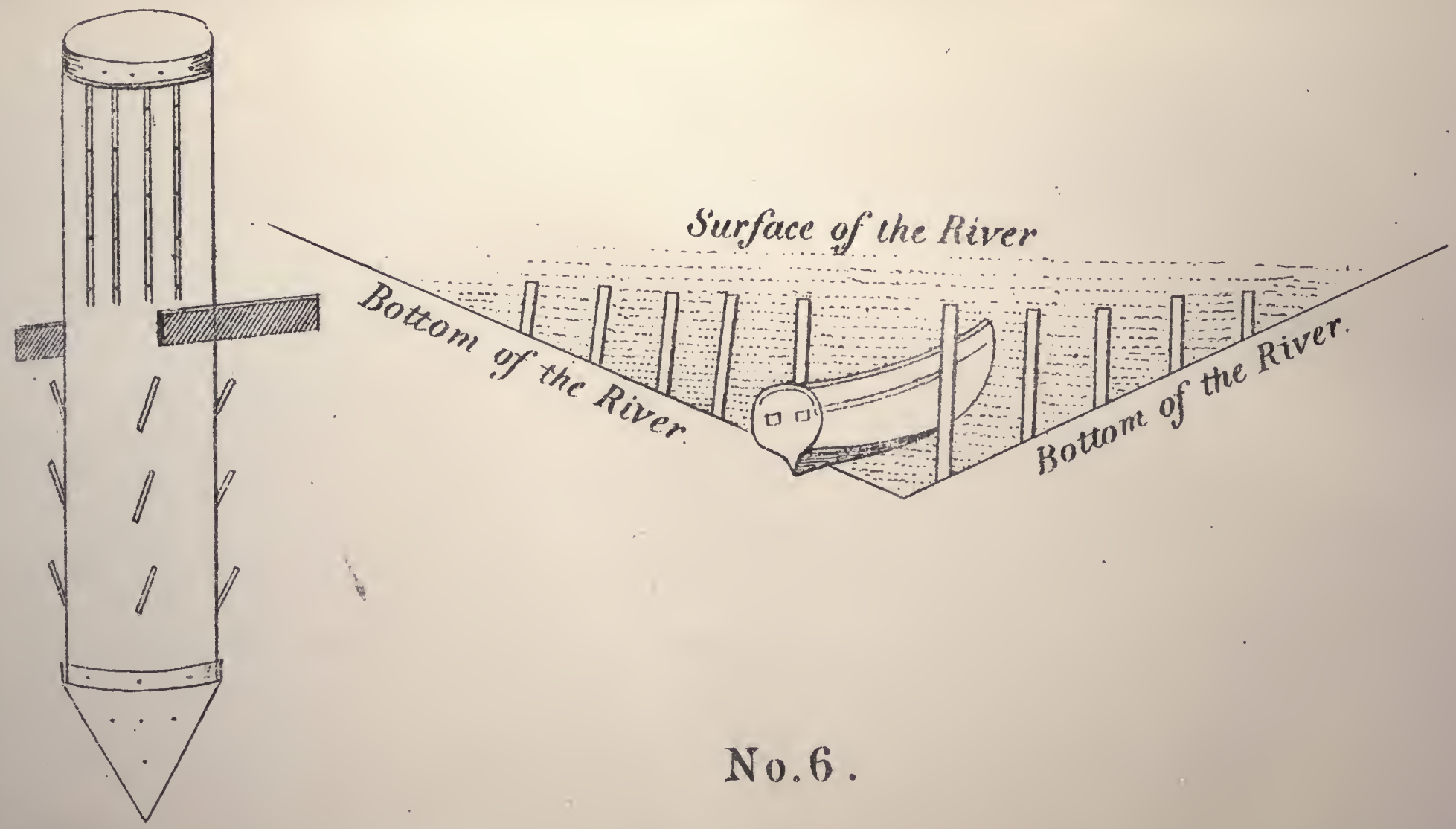


No. 6.

## A PLAN FOR STOPPING THE CHANNEL, &c., OF THE RIVER DELAWARE.

(See plate No. 6.)

If any of the King's Ships should come up to this City, there is reason to apprehend it will be with hostile Intentions it is therefore surmised that it might not be improper to prevent the attempt. Some recommend booming the Channel at Red Bank; others advise sinking a Number of old Vessels across the River. To the first it has been objected that the breadth would render it too weak and ineffectual, as it might either be forced with a fair Wind & Tide or cut in two. To the second, it is said the water in the Channel, being interrupted by such large Obstacles in the Bed of the River, would presently either loosen the sand round & sink them to a Level with the Rest of the Bottom, or force a new Channel. A suggestion hence arises, whether it would not be an effectual and practicable scheme to drive large strong oak Piles across the deep part of the Channel, at the Distance of about 8 or 10 feet, leaving a Break in one Place to admit our own Vessels in and out; and to close up this Vacancy, it is proposed that an old Hulk be anchored a little below the Gap, on one side, with a double Cable, so that she might be guided with the Tide of Flood into her Berth, in a few Minutes. She should be deep loaded with stones, her masts, Bowsprit, Rails, Chains Head, Timber Heads, and every projection cut off smooth, to prevent any attempts of raising her; the Hatches should be well secured, & the Companion cut away & closed. The Piles should be shod with Iron & well Cap'd, and such Part as would remain above ground should have Bars spiked length Way, at the Distance of 6 or 8 Inches, to prevent their being cut. A strong piece of scantling, with a plate of Iron on the Top, should be fix'd thro' a mortice in the Pile, at such Depth as the Pile is intended to be driven, to prevent their being sunk any lower by the Men of War; that Part of the Pile intended to be buried in the Ground, should have a number of Trunnels inserted into it, with the Points coming out, as represented in the sketch below.

'Tis apprehended this method would be attended with less expence & more Certainty than by a number of Hulks, as the water would pass through without Impediment.

To give more timely Notice of the approach of Ships, 'tis thought that a Cannon should be fixed at the Light House, and one at every 5 miles up the Bay & River, to serve as signals to

convey speedy Intelligence to Town, in Order that no surprize might happen. The Scuttle Ports of the Hulks should be securely locked & the Keys Kept by the Committee, or some intelligent, trusty Person, least a false Alarm should stop the Navigation before it became necessary. The hostile Vessel or Vessels should be clearly discerned from the Piles before the sinking should take place.

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## ROBERT SMITH'S OPINION OF GOVETT'S CHEVAUX DE FRIZE.

Philadelphia, Aug't 24, 1775.

Sir:—I have Examined Joseph Govett's Acco'ts, and have found that Govett's Eight will average 20 ft., 4½ inc. high, and that Lewis Guion's our will only average 14 ft., 6 inc. high. When this difference of demensions is considered, and that the timber is not only thicker but is also much longer, Except the Sills, the Crossway, which are the same length, all the other must differ in the same proportion as the hight. They are also better put together—I mean Stronger—which is realy necessary; but, in my own opinion, neither the one nor the other is sufficiently strong; however, the strongest must be the best. I have taken the opinion of some other persons who are good Judges and was Eye Witnesses when they were about to float them off at Gloucester, Viz: Benj'n Loxely, James Worrel, Tho's Nevell and Joseph Backstraw, who are all of opinion with myself, That if Lewis Gouin's Bill be a reasonable bill, That Gov. is also reasonable: Therefore, think he ought to be paid. Inclosed you have the paper with different hights. When put together you'l observe they make out what I have said before, Viz: 20 ft. 4½, and the other 14 ft. 6.

I am, Sir, Yours, &c.,

ROB'T SMITH.

Mr. Tho's Wharton, Jun'r.

Lewis Guion's Viz't: 14 feet, 16, 18, 20, is 68; is avarge 17 feet, Cost:

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| 17 feet @ £2 3, is £36 11; for four, ..... | £146 4 |
| For the last two, 25 & 8 feet, cost, .... | 70 13 11 |
| | £216 17 11 |

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| Jo. Govett's 8, Viz't: 13 ft., 14, 20, 23.6, 23.9, 17.6, 22.4, 15, is 149 feet @ £2 3, ..... | £320 | 7 | 0 |
| Robinson, 4, V't: 14 ft., 16, 19, 16, 16, is 65 @ £2 3,.. | 139 | 15 | 0 |
| Ed. Chew, 1: 20 feet, charg'd only, ..... | £20 | | |
| Suppose Govett's to be 20 f. 4½ Inches, is, at £2 3 per ft., £43 14 4 upon an average; 8 is, at £43 14 4, is ..... | £349 | 14 | 8 |

Edward Tew's Acc. for Building one of the Cheveaux of Frize, about £20, only 2 Spears. Lewis Guion's on an average about £35, Three Spears.

Four of Govett's worth perhaps £5 each more than Lewis Guion's.

One Built by him at the Fort is the same size of that Built by Ed. Tew, for which he charges about £20, & is, in every respect, as good.

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## ROBERT SMITH TO COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

December, 1775.

Coll. Nixon:

Sir:—As I am obliged to go out of Town I think proper to inform you The papers you put into my hand the other Day respecting the accot's of Govett and others, viz: Robinson's amounts to 43s. per foot. The first dimensions I had of Govett's Eight made 163 feet, at 43s., will make £350 9s. As to the last demensions, said to be Govett's also, there is seven in number, therefore I cannot say what Eight w'd make as they are of various measures. At first sight it does appear that Govett should have no more than £350 9, But let it be considered that as Govett was the first that began the work, he labour'd under some disadvantages in getting materials together. The forming the first, and the method of Raising and putting it together, was no doubt an advantage to those that came after. There is still a more unfavourable circumstance with respect to Govett, which is, The workmen he Employed was all hired by the Day, and it happened at the first of this Undertaking that they could not be so readily supplied with materials to keep them constantly at work. Now Govett

does assert that he has paid those men for so many days work, as he has charged in his acco't delivered to the Committee, or, if they are not all paid off, they are nearly so, and that he has been under the necessity of borrowing a sum of money for that purpose. Some of the other workmen, as I am inform'd, had their apprentices Employ'd, and the men they hired were such as suited their common business, and hired at a low rate by the month. This was an advantage which Govett had not. As to Mr. Robinson, I know he was so circumstanced that it was better for him to take half wages for his apprentices than to let them stand idle, and he was too apt to take low wages formerly which was then a fault, and altho' an industrious man, by agreeing at randum he has reduced himself to a very low ebb. This wo'd be but an ill President, and such as you, I am persuaded, do not approve of. For my part, everything considered, he deserves more than the others. His work was better Done, and they have had the advantage who has been imploy'd since of improving upon the former method saving time and Expense. I well know I have no right to dictate in this case, I only offer my opinion, I think it wo'd be hard on a man after he has been imploy'd by the Day and he Employ others on that acco'tand be obliged to pay them their wages and leave nothing for himself, or be regulated by People that has it in their power to work at a Cheaper rate, by haveing servants or apprentices that otherwise would be idle. Therefore, I am fully pursuaded that it will be the most Euitable way between public and private, to settle this account paying him by the Day.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble serv't,

ROBT. SMITH.

I acquies in the above opinion with Robert Smith.

THOS. NEVELL.

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## CERTIFICATE OF DAMAGE TO CAPT. WIRT'S VESSEL.

Phil'a, March 6th, 1776.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety
for the Province of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:—This is to certify that the bearer, Philip Wirt, with his Sloop & two other hands, was taken into public ser-

vice on the 9th day of Nov'r, for the purpose of Raising the Chevaux de Frize, which was sunk undesignedly; & was continued in that employ untill the 12th day of dec'r, when, in consequence of the Alarm, he was dismiss'd with his Vessell so much injur'd in hull & Rigging, with the loss of two Anchors & Cables, that she is unfit for use, in which situation he has lay Idle ever since, & still continues with his Vessell, his only Means of support, unrepaired, and himself unredressed. We therefore beg leave to Recommend his Case to the Notice of your Honorable Board.

We are, with Respect, your Humble Serv'ts,

AR. DONALDSON,
ISAAC ROACH.

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## MEMORIAL OF THE MERCHANTS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Philad'a, February 21, 1784.

To His Excellency The President and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The Memorial of the Merchants of Philadelphia by their Committee duly chosen and appointed, Respectfully Sheweth:

That the Chevaux de Frize planted in the River Delaware as an obstruction to the approach of an Enemy, are no longer either necessary or useful for that Purpose, but that they are found by Experience to be highly injurious to the Trade of this City, by impeding the Navigation, delaying Vessels in their Passage up, Enhancing the Pilotage and other Expences of the Port, and greatly Endangering the navigable Property of the Merchants, insomuch that notwithstanding the Utmost Care, heavy Losses frequently happen by accidents occasioned by the said obstruction.

That your memorialists are informed that a sufficient Fund is provided & placed under the Direction of your Honorable Board for the Removal of the said obstruction and for the further Improvement of the navigation of the River & Bay.

Anxious to have the Business Effected as early as possible, and being apprehensive that accident or mistake may probably occasion unforseen Delays in a work, the Difficulties of which

cannot be fully discovered but by Experiment, your memorialists beg Leave to Solicit your Early attention to the necessary Preparation for this important Undertaking.

CHAS. PETTIT,
J. M. NESBITT,
ISAAC HAZLEHURST,
J. ROSS,
THOS. FITZSIMONS,
CLEMENT BIDDLE,
JOHN NIXON.

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## AGREEMENT FOR REMOVING THE CHEVAUX DE FRIZE.

Philad'a, May 1st, 1784.

Articles of agreement indented, made the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and Eighty-four, Between Levi Hollingsworth, of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant, and Arthur Donaldson, of the same City, Ship Carpenter, of the one part, and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania, of the other part.

The said Supreme Executive Council agree to deliver to the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson the vessel purchased by the Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, for the purpose of removing the Chevaux de frize, with such of her materials as shall be necessary in carrying on the works hereafter mentioned, and as much of the spare unfixed Timber now on Mud Island, belonging to the public, as shall be necessary for the purpose, not exceeding the value of Twenty Pounds, and also the frames of Chevaux de frize now lying on the Billingsport shore.

The said Supreme Executive Council do covenant and agree that they will, on or before the ——— day of ——— next, pay and advance to the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson, the sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds, in specie, to enable them to provide materials and Engines for the purpose of removing or destroying the Chevaux de frize in the River Delaware; the further sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds, like money, as soon as the Wardens of

the port of Philadelphia, or a majority of them, shall certify that the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson have made such progress in their Preparations for removing or destroying the said Chevaux de frize, that, in the opinion of the said Wardens, the said further sum ought, in Justice and Reason, be paid to them; the further sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds, like money, when a majority of the said Wardens shall certify that the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson have removed or effectually destroyed Thirty-six frames of the said Chevaux de frize from the River, and from such parts thereof as shall be directed by the said Wardens; and the further sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds, like money, when a majority of said Wardens shall certify that forty-nine Frames of the said Chevaux de frize are so destroyed or removed as to render the navigation of the River safe.

The said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson do covenant and agree to and with the said Supreme Executive Council, that they will immediately on the Receipt of the first one thousand five hundred pounds, procure the necessary materials, Engines and powers for the purpose of removing or destroying the said Chevaux de frize, Employ a sufficient number of workmen, begin the work with all possible Expedition, and continue their Endeavours (wind and weather permitting) without Intermission, untill the said forty-nine Frames of the said Chevaux de frize, marked in the draft, laid down and produced by the said wardens, shall be removed or destroyed so Effectually as that the navigation of the River shall be free from obstructions by them. And it is hereby agreed upon between the said parties, that in Case of the Death of the said Levi Hollingsworth or Arthur Donaldson, or other unforseen unavoidable Casualties which may happen to defeat their undertaking in any stage of the work, the said wardens are to view, value and appraise the Engines and materials purchased by the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson for said works, and also the Labour and services of themselves and their workmen in carrying on the same, and the amount of such valuation and appraisement shall be allowed to the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson, their Executors, administrators or assigns, and if the same shall Exceed the sum advanced, the surplus shall be paid them, and if it shall fall short, the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson, their Executors, administrators or assigns shall make up the deficiency, Provided, always, that no Engines or materials which

the said wardens shall judge to be useless, nor any Labor or services Expended in fruitless or unsuccessful attempts shall be valued in the said appraisement, but only such articles as shall be useful and proper for finishing the work, and such Labors and services as shall have really contributed to the Public Benefit by mending the navigation or rendering it more easy to be mended; and provided also, that the said wardens shall be Judges whether the Casualties which may happen are a sufficient and reasonable Cause for abandon the work. And the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson do covenant and agree that they will, when the said work shall be completed, deliver back the said Vessel with such of their materials as shall be then left, to the wardens in the State in which the same shall then be. And for the true performance of the Covenants and agreemnts aforesaid, the said Parties bind themselves, their Successors, Heirs, Executors, and administrators, Each to the other, their Successors, Heirs, Executors, administrators, and assigns, firmly by these Presents. In witness whereof, the said Supreme Executive Council have to these presents affixed their common seal, and the said Levi Hollingsworth and Arthur Donaldson have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the Day and year first within written.

LEVI HOLLINGSWORTH, (Seal.)
AR. DONALDSON, (Seal.)

Sealed and delivered in presence of us:
John D. Mercur,
Thos. Bond.

Endorsed:

May 4th, 1784. Received of the Supreme Executive Council, Eleven hundred pounds, Specie, which with four hundred pounds already paid to us, is in full of the first payment within mentioned.

LEVI HOLLINGSWORTH.

Witness:
Wm. Bradford, Jun.,
Isaac Wikoff.

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## LUKE SHEILD TO THE WARDENS OF THE PORT.

Saturday Evening, Oct'b'r 9th, 1784.

Gentlemen:—We have Examined the Channel at Mud Fort thoroughly, and to Mr. Skillinger's and Mr. Rowland's Satisfac-

tion, and nothing to hurt a Vessail, Excepting a few posts with some other part fast to it, but since they are taken up by the Dogger. After being satisfied in the main Channel went over to the Eastward of the Bar there; we found one whole one, and with only 7 and 8 feet water on it, and two bottoms more with a post and some other part to it; put buoys on them; they have no less than 14 and 15 feet at low water. I mean to spend one day more Examining to the Eastward of the Bar, and then Proceed down to Billingsport. If you think propper to send some other Pilot, I shall be glad, as Mr. Skillinger has left me. He will inform you more particularly. Excuse me, I am great haste.

I am, Gentlemen, your humble Serv't,

LUKE SHEILD.

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## CAPT. ROACH'S REPORT OF THE CHANNEL OPPOSITE HOG ISLAND.

Almond Street, August 23d, 1784.

Sir:—Agreeable to your Request of the 18th Inst., I took to my asistance Mr. Enos Schillinger, Jun'r, and with his Pilot Boat & Five People. On Friday, the 20th, about noon, We left Town, and proceeded Down to the place Directed. The next Day, at day light, we began To Sweep & Examine the Chanel between Red Bank bar and hog Island, where the Chevaux De Frise lately lay, which Mess'rs Hollingsworth & Donaldson had Contracted to Remove or destroy; which they have so far Affected, that I could only find the Bottoms Or part of four Chevaux De Fris's Remaining. One is where the white Buoy lys, in 4½ Fathom water, nine feet over it, which appears to be some of the posts. One other, Opposite the Peers, near the Bar, in near 5 fathom, 12 feet over It, but don't appear to have any prongs. One other, Just above the lower Buoys & near The Bar, in 4½ fathom, 10 feet over it, and Appears to have one prong to it. The two Latter ones I B*uoy'd, the former one was Already Buoy'd. The fourth is Just below The white Buoy, and 14 or 15 feet over it. I also found A large tree Just to the Eastward of the Peers. I left a buoy on it as it ap-

pears to be Dangerous. We Could not take up the Large Buoys, as you Desired, for our time was so short, as Mr. Schillinger Could not Stay longer than Saturday afternoon.

The above is a true Report of our proceedings, to the best of my Judgment. Mr. Schillinger left town before I Could Make the Report, is the Reason it is not Sinde by him. Should you or the Honourabe Board Request any further Information or satisfaction that is in My Power to give, be ashured that I shall be happy to attend you or them, and, in the meantime,

I Remain, with all due Respect, Sir,

Your most obedient and Very Hum'bl Serv.,

ISAAC ROACH,

his

ENOS × SKILLINGER.

mark.

John Hazlewood, Esq.

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## LUKE SHEILD TO THE WARDENS OF THE PORT.

Sloop Delaware,

Billingsport, Sept. 1st, 1784.

Gentlemen:—I shall be glad that you would send a Pilot down, or any body you may think a proper person, as Capt. Wade cannot Stay any longer, which I am sorry for, as he is a person so well acquainted how they were laid down. We have sweeped the Channel that was under Hog Island, and find nothing more than the bottoms and two upright posts. We have sounded at low Water and find on one of them posts 15 feet, but off it to the ground 23 feet; on the other we found 13 feet on the top of the post, and off it about 24 feet. We have swept the Channel allmost over, but have not found anything but a part of Bottoms and not less than four fathom Water on any of them.

I am, Gentlemen,

your humble Servant,

LUKE SHEILD.

## REPORT OF MR. SHEILD RESPECTING THE SITUATION OF THE BED OF THE RIVER.

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Billingsport, Sept. 4th, 1784.

Monday, 30th of August, 1784. Put off from the Wharf and proceed down. Took in Capt. Wade at the lower part of the Town and made the best of our way down to Billingsport to sweep the Chevaux de friez.

Tuesday, 31st. In the morning began to sweep close under the Island, to the Westward of where the Buoy is laying. Found nothing but the bottom of one and post, where we had 15 feet on the top of the post, but off it on the ground 23 feet at low water. Laid a Buoy marked S. D. post. Swept several others but could not find anything more than Bottoms, with not less than 4 fathom and 4½, excepting One we found on the top of a post 12½ feet at low water. It is about 100 yards to the Eastward and Southward of the Channel Buoy, but of the post and to the ground about 6 Fathoms Water; laid a Buoy on it; marked it with ye depth of water on the post, and S. D. Post, 12½.

Wednesday, 1st Sept. Swept close under Billingsport; found several bottoms, but not less than 4 Fathom water at low water, excepting one Bottom of Stone that lay close into the shore in 2 fathom; on that found 11 feet water the sholest part of it. Laid a Buoy on each, and Reported to the Officer on board the Dogger.

Thursday, 2d. Swept mid channel; found a Bottom got both the leads fast to it; put a Buoy on the lines and left them; laid out the sweep again and brought up on the whole one, as we thought; put on it a Buoy and Reported on board the Dogger. At slack water got the Diver to go down and cleared the leads; afterwards went down to the one we thought was a whole one. It was a cross piece and a post, with 15 feet at low water on the cross piece, and off it on the ground 7 fathom. The one the leads was fast to was a log at the Bottom, not less than 5 fathoms on it, so Reported the Diver. At low water went down and sounded at the Two Buoy that we laid close over at Billingsport. On one we found 11 feet water on the top of a post, and off the post on the Ground 5 fathom. On the other, sounded and found 18 feet on the sholest part of it; got the Diver down to it; he said that was

a post and cross piece, the other, he said, was nothing but a post, part of a bottom; off the post and Cross piece was 5 fahom; they lay about 30 feet apart and about 150 yards from the shore. The Dogger then on a whole one, all to one of the prongs off, they heave up two of the horn end, the Cross piece and a post, nothing but the bottom Remaining. From that she held to the one we Boy'd out; got up a part of a Cross piece, the other part being broke off before, only the Bottom remaining, in 7 fathom water on the Cross piece, 15 feet at low water, as is mentioned before.

Friday, 3. In the morning made several sweeps with the Ebb Tide, close in Shore and mid Channel; brought up several times, but slip'd over before we came short, sliped over the Bottom, as I supposed. At slack water went down and hove the Channel Buoy up. On the Flood Tide, laid out down below, but found nothing; hove up and made the best of my way up to Town. Off League Island, Mr. Bennet and Mr. Stevans, with a Boat and Two hands, came on board and came up with us far as the Point, and put off in the Boat.

Thus, Gentlemen, I have endeavored to Execute, to the best of my power, your Order of the 30th of August, 1784.

LUKE SHEILD.

On board the Sloop Delaware.

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## LUKE SHEILD'S REPORT ON THE CHEVAUX DE FRIZE.

On Board the Sloop Delaware,
Sept. 4th, 1784.

No. 28, at low water I found fifteen feet water on the top of a post; off it on the Ground 23 feet water; laid a buoy.

No. 30, at low water I found 12½ feet on the top of a post; off it on the ground 30 feet water; laid a Buoy.

No. 40, at High water I found 18 feet on it, got a diver to go down, he Reported it was a post and Cross-piece, laid a Buoy off it on the grund; 43 feet water.

No. 43, at low water I found 18 feet water, the Diver went down Reported it to be a Cross-piece with a post to it off it on the ground 30 feet water; laid a Buoy.

No. 44, at low water found on that 11 feet water on the top of a post, the Diver went Down and reported to me so; off it on the ground 30 feet water; laid a Buoy.

I am not certain of the numbers, only I take them to be the Numbers by the Directions of the Buoys I laid down when fast to different Ones.

LUKE SHEILD.

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## LUKE SHEILD'S REPORT RESPECTING CHEVAUX DE FRIZE.

September 21st, 1784.

Tuesday, the 14th of Sept'r, 1784. Employ'd four men at 12 O'Clock at 6s. pr. day, and Mr. Skillinger, Pilot, to go down and sweep the Channel for the Chevaux de friez. At 1 O'Clock put off and proceeded down. It blowing hard, came too League Island. Went on board of the Dogger to get some Poles for the boat hooks and the Diver. Got the poles but not the Diver, he had not came down. Returned on board and at 6 o'Clock hove up and went down as low as the upper wharf at Mud Fort. Brought to an anchor and laid all Night.

Wednesday 15th. In the morning early, on the Ebb Tide, laid out the sweep from abreast the lower wharf close into it; brought up close to the pear near the white Buoy, about 20 yards below it, and to the Westward and Northward of it; sent the Diver down to it; he said it was a post; sounded on it, had but ten feet at low water on the top of it. There was a large part of it besides the post. Laid a buoy on it and Reported on board the Dogger to Mr. Brown. At low water swept part of another, about 100 yards below the white buoy, and to the Westward and Northward of it; found but 14 feet on it. Sent the Diver down, he said it was only a large post, not less than 5 fathom off the post; put a Buoy on it, and reported to Mr. Brown. Laid out the sweep near mid-Channel, got fast, hove sort, sounded with Boat hook, found but 10 feet on it at low water. Sent the Diver down, he Said it was a whole Chevaux de friez; he felt two of the Prongs, it lays a litle above the pear and rather over towards the Bar in about 4 Fathom of water. Mr. Brown came and sounded himself, and found it to be a large part of one, if not a whole one.

Thursday 16th. Began to sweep Early in the morning, on the Ebb Tide. Got fast to a log, part of a Chevaux de friez laying near the Bottom, on the sholest part of it, 17 feet at low water, and off it only 3 fathom water, below the Buoy on the point of the Bar about 100 yards to the Westward of the said buoy. On the Flood Tide, swept a Bottom of a Chevaux de friez, with part of a Cross piece, so the Diver reported it to be. There is not less than 16 feet at a Quarter Flood, it lays about 200 yards to the Eastward and Southward of the black buoy. Swept all the way up from there abreast of the lower wharf, and found nothing, (only anchor of about 300 weight,) worth mentioning, only some Bottoms, but not less than 3½ to 4 fathom water at half-Tide. On the Tide of Ebb, swept close along Mud Island, found nothing there but a wreck. The Diver went down to clear the sweep of it, but could not; was obliged to cut the sweep. There is not more than 12 feet on her. She lays quite close to the Island within the range of the pears, about 300 yards below the Pears. Mr. Skillinger thought that the Channel was sufficiently swept to his satisfaction, and left off sweeping at Mud Fort, and he went to Philad'a that Evening.

Friday 17th. Blowing hard at N. E. and Raining; could not do anything. At half-past Two o'Clock on the Flood Tide the Irish ship hove her anchor of the Ground and sheered on board us, hook'd our Cable but did us do damage. Put a slip Rope on the Cable and paid out the end of the Cable and got clear at 5 o'Clock. Hove up and Ran down to Billingsport, let go the small Bower. It would not bring her up; let go the Best Bower and paid out half a Cable and laid all Night. At 12 o'Clock the wind got round to the N. W.

Saturday 18th. At day light hove up the best Bower and then the small do., ran close over under the Island at Billingsport, and let go the small Bower. The wind at N. W., blowing fresh, would not do anything. At 10 o'Clock laid out the sweep, brought up, hove short and sounded with the boat hook. Found 18 feet at Near low water on the sholest part of it; sent the Diver down, he said it was a post with some other pieces to it. Laid a Buoy on it. Laid out the sweep again, got fast, sent the Diver down; he said it was only a log at the Bottom. I could not find less than 6 fathom water near it. Laid out the sweep again on the Flood tide, brought up several times to some of the Bottoms. I could not find less than from 5 to 6 fathom water any way near them. Laid out the sweep on the Ebb Tide, brought up twice but slipped

over them, only stone as I supposed; left off sweeping, too much sea.

Sunday 19th. Early in the morning on the Ebb Tide, began to sweep; got fast several times; the Diver went down, they were nothing more than Bottoms, with not less than 5 fathom water on them. At slack water went to the Buoy that I had laid the day before, sounded on the sholest part of it. At low water found 17 feet water on it. The Diver went down to it and cleared the lead that was fast to it, he said that it was a post with some other part to it, but no prongs as he could find. Mr. Brown had left a Buoy on it but did not watch. I found it by sweeping, I likewise put a break water on that Buoy; it lays about 250 yards from the Island in 7 fathom water. Took up our Buoy and went to another that I had laid down; the Diver went down, but could not find anything only a Bottom with not less than 5½ fathom on the sholest that I could find. On the Flood tide laid out the sweep again, near over to Billingsport, brought up, hove short, sent the Diver down; he said it was nothing but a log at the Bottom laying in 7 fathom water. Cleared the sweep of it and laid out again, got fast, could not get above 10 f'm of the sweep in at either of the Boats, cut one part of the sweep and left the Boat on the other part untill high water. At slack Tide, the Diver went down and cleared the sweep, it was fast to a Bottom in 7 f'm water. On the Ebb Tide laid out close under the shore at Billingsport, brought up twice but sliped over, nothing but stone of the Bottoms, I supposed them to be.

Monday 20th. In the morning, at daylight, hove the sloop's anchor up to see if it was clear. Let it go again. Began to sweep as soon as the Ebb Tide made down. Laid out close to the Island and brought up; sounded, could not find less than 5 f'm; sent the Diver down, he said it was only a log at the Bottom; cleared the sweep, Rowed up and laid out farder off, Brought up, hove short and sounded, could not find less than 6½ f'm near it, sent the Diver down to it, he said it was only a Bottom that the sweep was fast to, Was obliged to cut the sweep, left a Buoy there untill slack water. Returned on board to get Breakfast. At 9 o'Clock laid out on the Tide, swept down, never brought up untill we got long way below the Flag-Staff, brought up, hove a small anshor up, Towed it on board and at slack water went to examine where we laid the Buoys. One was a whole Chevaux de friez with the three prongs to it, so said the Diver; sounded on it, and found 9½ feet at low water on the solest part of it, the westermost prong,

and to the so. and Eastward 12 feet and on the Inner prong 14 feet. Left a buoy on it, with a break water to it. Went and sounded where the other buoy was, but could not find less than 3½ F'm water at low water; the Diver went down to it and said it was only a Bottom; he left the Buoy on it, it had got foul of some part and could not heave it up. On the Flood tide, laid out the sweep and got fast, hove short, sent the Diver down, he said it was only a Bottom that had been overset; had no less than 5 F'm water on the sholest of it. Cleared the sweep and laid out again, somewhat farder off from Billingsport side; got fast, hove short, sent the Diver down, he said it was the Bottom of a Chevaux de friez. Sounded with the boat hook and found 19 feet the sholest. Could not clear the sweep, left one Boat on it untill slack water, then went and sounded, found part of a Bottom with not less than 18 feet; sent the Diver down, he said it was only a Bottom. Cleared the sweep of it, then went and sounded at another Buoy that we laid, but could not find less than four fathom water on the sholest part of it; hove the Buoy up and went on board. Mr. Dollanson come down in his Boat to be informed what we had found. I Reported to him and shewed him the Buoy we had laid on a whole Chevaux de friez. I likewise told him of the other they had left, a Buoy to, and that I had put a break water to his Buoy they left, but could not see it at the time he was down. The whole Chevaux de friez lays about 100 yards above the Flag-Staff, right abrest of the little house above the Fort, about two-thirds of the Channel over towards Billingsport. At 6 o'Clock in the afternoon hove up to come up to Philad'a, got up as high as Eagle Point and anchored; little wind and verry dark.

Tuesday 21st. At 5 O'Clock in the Morning, hove up, came on to Blow at N. W., got up as high as the Aliance at 7 o'Clock, brought too Ebb Tide, discharged the hired men and sent them on Shore.

## THE RAISING OF THE CHEVAUX DE FRIZE.

(See plates Nos. 7 and 8.)

Account of Chevaux De Frieze Rais'd & Destroyed by Levi Hollingsworth & Arthur Donnaldson, viz:

| Date of Raising . . . | Numbers in Rotation . . . . . | Numbers as ⅌ Warden's Draft . . . . | Where Landed or Taken on Shore. | When Landed . . . | By what Officers Left or Landed. |
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| 1784. | | | | | |
| June 8, | 1 | 25 | Gloucester Point . . . . . | 14 June, | Mr. Donaldson. |
| " 15, | 2 | 26 | Billings Port & Cut up by T. Cunrow. . . . . | 17 " | ditto. |
| " 18, | 3 | 27 | Near Timber Creek . . . . | 21 " | B. Worrell. |
| " 25, | 4 | 24 | Billings Port . . . . . | 26 " | ditto. |
| " 26, | 5 | 21 | . . . ditto . . . . . | 1 July, | ditto. |
| July 1, | 6 | 22 | . . . ditto . . . . . | 3 " | Cunningham, Jr. |
| " 3, | 7 | 23 | Wind Mill Island . . . . . | 5 " | Worrell. |
| " 5, | 8 | 20 | Fort Island Piers . . . . . | 7 " | Greaves. |
| " 9, | 9 | 19 | Whitall's . . . . . | 11 " | Hollingsworth. |
| " 12, | 10 | no No. | Philad'a, the Alliance . . | 14 " | ditto. |
| " 14, | 11 | 18 | Glouster. . . . . | 16 " | D. Crawford. |
| " 15, | 12 | no No. | Eagle Point . . . . . | 17 " | ditto. |
| " 17, | 13 | 1 | . . . ditto . . . . . | 19 " | ditto. |
| " 20. | 14 | 2 | Glouster . . . . . | 21 " | ditto. |
| " 22, | 15 | 3 | . . ditto . . . . . | 23 " | ditto. |
| " 23. | 16 | * | . . ditto . . . . . | 26 " | ditto. |
| 22 & 26, | 17 | 4 | Tore to Pieces, sent to the Piers . . . . . | 22 & 26 | A. Graves. |
| " 29. | 18 | * | Gebitt Island . . . . . | 30 " | D. Crawford. |
| 28 & 29, | 19 | ditto. | . . . ditto . . . . . | 30 " | ditto. |
| " 30, | 20 | 5 | Glouster . . . . . | 31 " | ditto. |
| " 31, | 21 | 6 | Fort Island piers tore to Pieces . . . . . | 31 " | A. Graves. |
| Aug't 2, | 22 | * | Whitall's . . . . . | 3 Aug. | D. Crawford. |
| " 4, | 23 | 9 | Eagle's Point . . . . . | 5 " | ditto. |
| " 5, | 24 | 14 | Tore to Pieces, at fort Piers . . . . . | 5 " | Capt. Bown. |
| " 6, | 25 | 13 | Landed at Red Bank . . . | 6 " | Crawford. |
| " 7, | 26 | 8 | Tore to pieces under a wreck sent to ye fort piers . . . . . | 7 " | Mr. Griffith. |
| " 8, | 27 | 12 | Tore 3 Spears, &c., Island Piers. . . . . | 8 " | Cunningham. |
| " 8, | 28 | 11 | Tore of the Spears, &c., Island Piers . . . . . | 10 " | Graves. |
| " 10, | 29 | 10 | Tore of the Spears, &c., Island Piers . . . . . | 10 " | ditto. |
| " 11, | 30&31 | 16 & 17 | Tore to pieces, Landed Billings Port. . . . . | 12 " | ditto. |
| " 12, | 32 | 15 | Landed at Eagle Point . . | 13 " | ditto. |
| " 13, | 33 | 46 | Landed at Billings Port. . | 13 " | By the Dogger. |
| " 14. | 34 | 45 | Tore to Pieces, ditto. . . . | 14 " | Graves. |
| " 15, | 35 | 44 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 15 " | ditto. |
| " 16, | 36 | 43 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 16 " | ditto. |
| " 17, | 37 | 42 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 17 " | ditto. |
| " 18, | 38 | 41 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 18 " | By the Hazzard. |
| " 19. | 39 | 40 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 19 " | Crawford. |
| " 20, | 40 | 39 | . . . ditto . . . ditto, . . . | 20 " | ditto. |
| " 21, | 41 | 38 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 21 " | ditto. |
| " 25, | 42 | 34 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 25 " | ditto. |
| " 26. | 43 | 32 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 26 " | ditto. |
| " 26, | 44 | 31 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 27 " | By the Schooner. |
| " 27, | 45 | 30 | . . . ditto . . . ditto. . . . | 27 " | Crawford. |

* Not in the Draught.

THE RAISING OF THE CHEVAUX DE FRIEZE.—*Continued.*

| Date of raising . . . | Numbers in Rotation . . . . . | Numbers as ye Warden's Draft . . . . | WHERE LANDED OR TAKEN ON SHORE. | When Landed . . . . | By what Officers Left or Landed. |
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| 1784. | | | | | |
| Aug't 29, | 46 | 49 | At Eagle Point . . . . . | 30 Aug't | Dunlap. |
| " 31. | 47 | * | Billings Port. . . . . | 31 " | Crawford. |
| Sept'r 2, | 48 | 37 | Billings Port, 2 Prong logs with cross Pieces . . . . | 2 Sept. | ditto. |
| " 8, | 49 | 28 | One that the Warden's delivered at our Agreement to be left alone . . | 8 " | ditto. |
| " 10, | 50 | * | Mud Island . . . . . | 8 " | ditto. |
| " 11. | 51 | ditto | Glouster . . . . . | 13 " | By the Hazzard. |
| " 16, | 52 | 7 | On the Boom Piers . . . . | 16 " | Capt. Brown, |
| " 20. | 53 | * | Found by Capt. Shields, 15th Sept'r; Landed at the Ice pier . . . . . | 20 " | By the Hazard. |
| 21,22 & 23, | 54 | . . . . . | Discover'd by do. above the Range at Billings Port, 20th . . . . . | 23 " | Crawford. |
| Sept'r 25, | 55 | 1 | Eastern Channel—Landed the Spiers & logs, Billings Port . . . . . | 25 " | ditto. |
| " 27, | 56 | 2 | . . do . . Billings Port Spiers, &c. . . . . | 27 " | ditto. |
| " 29, | 57 | 3 | . . do . . ditto . . the 3 Spiers, &c. . . . . | 30 " | Schooner. |
| Octob'r 4, | 58 | 4 | . . do . . ditto . . 3 prongs, | 5 Oct. | Boatswane. |
| " 5, | 59 | 5 | At . . ditto. . . . . | 5 " | ditto. |
| " 6, | 60 | * | Mud Fort . . . . . | 6 " | ditto. |
| " 11, | 61 | . . . . . | Red Bank Discover'd by Sweepers, Eastern Channel . . . . . | 11 " | D. Crawford. |
| " 12, | 62 | . . . . . | . . ditto . . Discover'd by Sweepstakes . | 12 " | ditto. |
| " 12, | 63 | . . . . . | . . ditto . . Discover'd by A. Donaldson, the 25th Sept'r, sent to W. Mill Island . . . . . | 12 " | By the Flats. |

* Not in the draught.

The within account of No., Raising & delivery of the Chevaux de frize, is a coppy extracted from the Journal kept at the work dureing the service, and transmitted by Levi Hollingsworth to the board of Wardens at different times, as the business was executed.

LEVI HOLLINGSWORTH.

## LOCATION OF THE CHEVAUX DE FRIZE.

(See plate No. 7.)

N. B. The figures at the Horns denotes the depth of water over them in feet, and they at the other end, the water they lay in at Low Ebb. And the figures against the Lines denotes their distance apart in feet.

N. B. Those marked A from their situation did not appear to be laid down in the Warden's Draft. Those marked B are not an obstruction to the Navigation, having been destroyed by the British or other Causes.

No. 47 & 29 did not appear in the place as laid down in the draft and therefore left with No. in diary.

(See plate No. 8.)

N. B. Those frames marked A was not laid down in the Warden's Draft, but discovered by the pilots sweeping, and in the work by A. Donaldson & others.

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## REPORT OF THE PILOTS EMPLOYED TO SWEEP THE BED OF THE RIVER.

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Philadelphia, October 14th, 1784.

Wednesday, 6th of Oct'br, 1784. At 9 O'Clock at Night hired 3 men to Sweep the Channel for the Chevaux de friez; put off from the Wharf at 10 O'Clock and proceeded down with Mr. Skillinger and Mr. Rowland to Mud Fort; anchored there at 1 o'Clock in morning.

Thursday, 7th. Early in the morning began to Sweep close over to the Bar on the Flood tide; got fast; sent the Diver down; he said it was a Cross piece with some other part fast to it; sounded on it and found at high Water 14 feet Water. Put a Buoy on it and Reported it on board the Dogger to Mr. Donaldson. Laid out the Sweep again on the Flood Tide, and swept up as high as the wharf; brought up several times, but sliped over. On the Ebb Tide, Swept down close over to the Bar; found nothing worth remarking, only some broken bottoms, with not less than 3¼ Fathoms on them. On the Flood tide, laid out again from the lower part of the Barr, brought up, hove short, and sounded on it; found 10 feet water at low

water; sent the Diver down, he said it was a post with a Cross piece. Put a Buoy on it and laid out again; swept up as high as the Wharf, found nothing more. Reported it on board the Dogger to Mr. Donaldson.

Friday, 8th. In the Morning began to sweep; got fast to part of a Chevaux de friez, was short with both Boats and sounding with the Boat hooks, when the Ship Delaware, Capt. Smith, came athwart us. Was obliged to slip the sweep and lost it; tried several times to sweep and missed it. At high Water found the part that we was fast to, but could not find the sweep. Sent the Diver down several times; he could not find it; he said that it was a Bottom of a Chevaux de frize with a post, and some other part that was loose; put a buoy on it; found 14 feet on the Sholest part that loose. Reported it to Mr. Donaldson. On the Ebb Tide, swept close to the Pear; got fast to part of One, about 150 yards below the White Buoy, to the Westward and Northward; sounded on it, and found 10 feet Water, at low Water, on the Sholest part; sent the Diver down; he said it was two posts close together, with the Bottom box'd with plank. Put two buoys on it and Reported it to Mr. Donaldson.

Saturday, 9th. On the Ebb Tide, went to the Eastward of the Bar and began to sweep; found part of Two with posts and some other part with only 14 feet at half Ebb. Put buoys on them both. Laid out the sweep again above them and got fast to a whole One with only 7 and 8 feet water on the different prongs. It lays in about 15 feet Water at low Water. Put Two buoys on it, one on the Eastermost prong and one on the W't prong. Mr. Donaldson came and brought his diver with him; sent him down; found the Three prongs, but the horns were off. At dusk went on board; Mr. Skillinger went to Town.

Sunday, 10th. Early in the Morning hove up the Anchor and Towed over the Bar, to be ready to sweep with the Flood tide, it being then Verry Foggy. At 7 O'Clock clear'd away; laid out the sweep to the Eastward of the Bar on the Flood tide, but brought up to Nothing; hove in and Rowed down; laid out again, brought to nothing; do., Rowed down again; brought to nothing; do., Rowed down again; brought up; hove short; sounded on it, found it to be a large part of one; sent on board the Dogger for the Diver; sent him down; he said it was a whole one; put a Buoy on it; had at high water on it 15 Feet Water; it lays in 4 Fathom. Reported it to Mr. Donaldson. Went on board and towed the Vessail down to the lower end

of the Bar and anchored. Rowed up and laid out the sweep on the Ebb Tide, brought up to nothing; do., again laid out, and brought up; hove short; sounded, found it to be a bottom with a post; on that 13 feet at half Ebb; we did not think it worth while to take any Notice of it. Got the sweep Clear; Returned on board and hove up, to go down to Billingsport to sweep there, having Thoroughly Examined the Channel above and to the Eastward of the Bar to the Satisfaction of Mr. Rowland. I thought myself it was well Examined. On the Ebb Tide laid out the sweep close under the Island at Billingsport; found a Bottom and some part of the frame at low Water; had on the Sholest part 17 feet Water; it lays in 4 Fathom Water at do. Monday Evening came on board Mr. Learmonth.

Monday, 11th. In the Morning Early on the Ebb Tide laid out the sweep, but brought up to nothing. At low water went on board, the Wind blowing fresh at N. N. E. On the Flood tide laid out the sweep; got fast; hove short, sounded and found a large part of a Chevaux de friez, wth only 15 feet on it at low Water; laid a Buoy with a break Water to it. Cleared the Sweep and laid out again, but brought up to nothing. Came on to blow; was obliged to quit. On the Ebb Tide laid out close under Billingsport; made three sweeps but found nothing but some Bottoms. Laid out again, Near Mid Channel, found a large part of a Chevaux de friez, with only 14 feet at low water, laying about 150 yards below the Flag staff. Sent the Diver down, and put a Buoy on it. The Other one lays about 150 yards to the Eastward and No. Ward of this.

Tuesday, 12th. Early in the morning went and Examined where we had laid the Buoys on the day before. Found on the lowermost one, at low water, 15 feet, and on the other at do., 13 feet. At 3 O'Clock the Dogger came down to get the pieces up we had buoy'd out. On the Ebb Tide began to sweep close under the Island; found nothing that brought us up; laid out something farther off from the Island and swept down; brought up, but slip'd over, there being nothing more than Bottoms. Went on board, the Pilots being satisfied that the Channel was Thoroughly Examined to there Satisfaction, and it is my opinion Very clear, when they Take up the Posts that we buoy'd out; they have got a Chain fast to one of them now. At 9 O'Clock at Night hove up and Ran up to the Pears to be ready in the morning to Take up the Channel buoys.

Wednesday, 13th. In the morning Early, hove up and droped down to the lower buoy and took it up, and at slack tide took

up all the Rest in No. 5. At the last quarter flood, put one of the Buoys on the lower part of the Bar at Red Bank, or Rather a small shole a little below the Bar; it lays in 14 feet water. At near high water, made Sail and Proceeded up, the Wind at N. W.; anchored above the Point; discharged the three hired men and put them on shore. On the Flood, hove up and came to Town, got along side of the wharf at 1 O'Clock in the Morning. These are the Particulars since we have been down sweeping the Channel at Mud Fort and the Channel to the Eastward of Red bank bar; likewise the Channel at Billingsport from side to side; likewise a distance above and below the Tear of Chevaux de friez.

by me,
LUKE SHEILD.

On board the Sloop Delaware.

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I confirm the above.

THOMAS ROWLAND.

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I confirm the above report from Monday the 11th Oct'b'r.

I. LEARMONTH.

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## HOLLINGSWORTH & DONALDSON'S ACCOUNT FOR RAISING THE CHEVAUX DE FRIZE.

Philadelphia, 28th October, 1784.

The Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania, in acc't with Hollingsworth & Donaldson, for Raising the Chevaux de Frizes.

| 1784. | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|
| October 28. | To removing & destroying 49 Chevaux de Frize in the River Delaware, on effecting which we were to receive the sum of £6,000, Pennsylvania Money, agreeable to contract entered into between the Honourable Council, & is dated April last, ..... | £6,000 0 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| October 28. | To removing & destroying 14 Chevaux de Frize in the River Delaware & between the two Bars in the Eastern Channel over & above the above Number, contracted for, for which we are to receive at the rate of £100, Pennsylvania Money, for each Chevaux de Frize removed & destroyed, as per Resolve of Council, dated 24th Sept. last, ..... | 1,400 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £7,400 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ballance, as per Contra., ..... | 2,900 | 0 | 0 |

| 1784. | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 30. | By Cash rec'd of Fred'k Phile by y'r order, ..... | £400 | 0 | 0 |
| May 3. | By Cash rec'd of Fred'k Phile by y'r order, ..... | 1,100 | 0 | 0 |
| June 30. | By Cash rec'd of Fred'k Phile by y'r order, ..... | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 30. | By cash rec'd of Sharp Delany, by y'r order on the Treasurer,..... | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £4,500 | 0 | 0 |
| | By Ballance due by the Supreme Executive Council, ..... | 2,900 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £7,400 | 0 | 0 |

Errors Excepted,
LEVI HOLLINGSWORTH.
AR. DONALDSON.

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